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Savabeel has sired a winner on every day of the Melbourne Cup carnival so far. Winners include Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes winner Shillelagh and Listed Furphy Stakes winner Kaonic.

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GROUP ONE GLORY FOR SAVABEEL'S DAUGHTER

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Bonny mare Shillelagh is Savabeel's latest Group One winner after her stunning victory on Derby Day at Flemington on Saturday afternoon.

The Chris Waller-trained mare came from the rear of the field to reign supreme in the Empire Rose Stakes.

It was 12 months to the day that she struck at the top level for the first time in the Kennedy Mile.

Shillelagh is raced by her Hunterville breeders Christopher and Susanna Grace.

"A Kiwi trainer, a Kiwi jockey and Kiwi owners," rider James McDonald said.

He produced a gem of a ride aboard Shillelagh, who settled among the tailenders. McDonald was able to weave his magic in the run to the line to find a gap for the mare.

"I'll take a little bit of credit for that," he said.

"It's great how it worked out and she was always travelling beautifully.

"We had to get a bit of luck and she just burst through."Waller said he feared the worst at the top of the straight and paid tribute to McDonald's skill.

"It was a really good win and a brave ride to get through.

"James went back and bided his time and I was closing my eyes with 300 metres to run and then the best came.

"I'm very fortunate to have such beautiful horses.

"The last week has been amazing and what a great sport we're all involved in."

> BELOW / Shillelagh winning the Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes Photo credit: John Donegan/Racing Photos





SAVABEEL MAKES HIS MARK AT FLEMINGTON

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Waikato Stud's multiple champion stallion Savabeel had his say on Melbourne Cup day at Flemington. His gifted son Kaonic claimed the Listed Furphy Plate to give his sire his 79th stakes winner.

The Chris Waller-trained four-year-old has now won five of his 12 starts.

"He jumped brilliantly, put himself in a lovely spot and got into a great rhythm," Purton said.

"He towed me into the race really well and I was always very confident."

Kaonic sat in behind the pace before asserting himself in the closing 200 metres.

Bred by JML Bloodstock, Kaonic was a \$425,000 Karaka yearling buy for

agent Guy Mulcaster. The Savabeel entire is out of the Fastnet Rock mare Fast Love.

Successful at black type level, she is a half-sister to the Listed Sunline Vase winner A Chance To Dream.

The headline act in the pedigree is the Gr.1 English 1000 Guineas and Gr.1 Oaks winner Midway Lady.

Her daughter Eswarah emulated her dam by also winning the Oaks.



BELOW / Kaonic winning the Furphy Plate at Flemington Racecourse Photo credit: Pat Scala/Racing Photos





SAVABEEL MARE PRODUCES COOL PERFORMANCE

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Talented mare Savacool shone on the big stage at Flemington with success there on Oaks day. The Waikato Stud graduate powered home from the back of the field for the fifth win of her light career.

Trained by Chris Waller, she was ridden by the Gr.1 Melbourne Cupwinning jockey Kerrin McEvoy.

"You pick out a few that can fly the flag here and she's done that," Waller said.

"She got a bit further back that I had hoped for, but Kerrin was cool.

"She got the job done and we'll continue to take her through her grades."

McEvoy said he hadn't intended to be so far off the pace, but Savacool was still too good.

"They weren't going that quickly,

but full credit to the mare.

"When I got her out she picked up well and has done a very good job."

Savacool was purchased by Waller for \$220,000 from Waikato Stud's NZB Karaka Yearling draft in 2016.

Bred by Gary Wallace and Waikato Stud, her dam Chilled out is a halfsister to the stakes winner The Big Chill and to the dam of the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes winner Coldplay.

Savabeel has produced a winner on every day of the VRC carnival so far, these winners include Gr.1 winner Shillelagh, Listed winner Kaonic and now Savacool. Interestingly, all three of them are trained by legendary trainer Chris Waller.



BELOW / Savacool Photo Credit: Natasha Morello / Racing Photos

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FILLY NOT TO BE IGNORED

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The well-related and lightly-tried Ignored added to the family roll on honour with success at New Plymouth. At her third appearance, the Savabeel filly got home strongly under rider Matthew Cameron to open her account over 1400 metres.

Trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, the aptly-named Ignored is a daughter of the O'Reilly mare She's Snubbed. She is a sister to the multiple Group One winner Slight Chance, who is the dam of the Group winners Salgado and Dane Shadow.

It is also the family of the Gr.1 Queensland Derby winner Brambles and the Gr.2 Phar Lap Stakes winner Traitor.

Ignored is a half-sister to the Listed winners Sharp Princess, also a Group placegetter, and Include.

BELOW / Ignored Photo Credit: Race Images Photos





SINGAPORE DOUBLE FOR ROCK 'N' POP

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Inclement weather at Kranji in Singapore on Sunday evening didn't rain on Rock 'n' Pop's parade.

The Waikato Stud stallion was a shining light with a winning double on the card.

His son Refresh struck over 1600 metres to take his record to four wins from 14 appearances.

"I thought I would be picking up some prizemoney at best," trainer David Kok said.

"He was up in class and I thought he would find it tougher this time.

"Plus, it was raining. I didn't know

how he would handle the conditions.

"He's really improved, though. I think he should be able to go over more ground."

A \$31,000 Karaka yearling, Refresh is out of a half-sister to the multiple Group One winner Wall Street.

Earlier in the programme, Rock 'n' Pop four-year-old Lim's Rhythm opened his account over 1800 metres.

Trained by Mark Walker, he was a

deserved winner having picked up cheques in all previous outings.

Lim's Rhythm is out of the Zabeel mare Paixanito who is from a wellperformed North American black type family.

BELOW / Rock 'n' Pop Photo credit: Trish Dunell





PIKE'S OPINION OF 3YO VINDICATED

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Four of the first five races in New Zealand on Saturday were won by the stock of O'Reilly, but none more impressive that Sacred Accord. Tony Pike is tipping a bright future for the Waikato Stud-bred three-yearold, who produced a cracking debut performance at Tauranga.

Sacred Accord went straight to the front under rider Leith Innes and he was untested to win with authority.

"He's a big horse with a massive action," Pike said. "He's very talented, but he's still got a lot to learn and will improve.

"He's got a high cruising speed and that's the first time he's been put under any pressure and he did it very well."

Sacred Accord was purchased by Raffles Racing at Karaka for \$190,000 from Waikato Stud's Premier Yearling draft. He is out of the Danasinga mare Chorus, who is a half-sister to the Gr.1 Ellerslie Sires' Produce Stakes winner Good Faith.

It is also the family of Daffodil, who carried the stud's colours to three Group One victories.

The late O'Reilly sired eight winners over the weekend including Tauranga winners Cavallo Veloce and O'He Can while Father Lenihan scored at Awapuni.

The champion stallion's daughter Ophelia Lee subsequently made it five for the day when she won on the Palmerston North course.



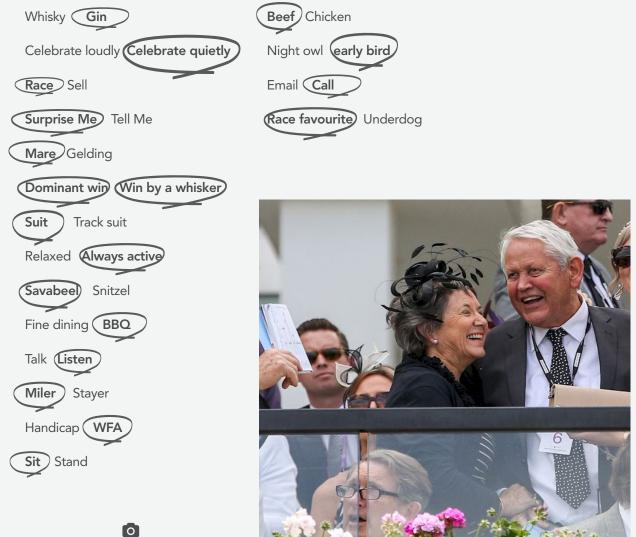
BELOW / Sacred Accord Photo Credit: Race Images Photos



THE INQUIRY WITH CHRISTOPHER GRACE

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This week we caught up with Christopher Grace – the Hunterville farmer who (along with his wife Susanna), bred and race dual Group One winning Savabeel mare Shillelagh.



RIGHT / Christopher Grace (right) and Susanna Grace (left) after Shillelagh's Gr.1 win last weekend.



WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS WITH JEREMY ROGERS

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Saturday sees the curtain come down on another Melbourne Cup Carnival with the running of two Group 1 races – the \$2 million Mackinnon Stakes and \$1 million VRC Sprint Classic. The three-year-olds take centre stage in New Zealand with the running of the prestigious Group 1 2000 Guineas at Riccarton – the first day of Cup Week in Christchurch.

SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER

AUTUMN ASSAULT Rock 'n' Pop – Summer Daze Sgp-3 Saas Fee Stakes, 1200m Singapore, 12:50 am (NZT)

MORSE CODE Pins – Really Reputable Listed Pegasus Handicap, 1000m Riccarton, 2:25 pm (NZT)

YEARN Savabeel – Princess Uno Listed Legacy Lodge Sprint, 1200m Te Rapa, 2:38 pm (NZT)

SWORD OF OSMAN Savabeel – Bunyah Gr.1 2000 Guineas, 1600m Riccarton, 3:40 pm (NZT)

MADISON COUNTY Pins – Red Delicious Gr.1 2000 Guineas, 1600m Riccarton, 3:40 pm (NZT)

THE CHOSEN ONE Savabeel – The Glitzy One Gr.1 2000 Guineas, 1600m Riccarton, 3:40 pm (NZT)

TORGERSEN Pins – Oh So Glam Gr.3 Chatham Stakes, 1400m Flemington, 4:10 pm (NZT) OLIGARCH O'Reilly – Russian Embassy Listed Metropolitan Trophy, 2500m Riccarton, 5:00 pm (NZT)

(OUR) LIBRETTO O'Reilly – Etoile du Nord Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes, 2000m Flemington, 5:30 pm (NZT)

SAVVY COUP Savabeel – Eudora Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes, 2000m Flemington, 5:30 pm (NZT)

SHILLELAGH Savabeel – Trocair Gr.1 Mackinnon Stakes, 2000m Flemington, 6:55 pm (NZT)

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER

BLUE SWEDE O'Reilly – Hooked Ona Feeling Sgp-1 Singapore Gold Cup, 2000m Singapore, 10:15 pm (NZT)

PREDITOR Savabeel – Bird Sgp-1 Singapore Gold Cup, 2000m Singapore, 10:15 pm (NZT)

SONG TO THE MOON Savabeel – White Mouse Sgp-1 Singapore Gold Cup, 2000m Singapore, 10:15 pm (NZT)



BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT WITH JEREMY ROGERS

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SHILLELAGH GROUP 1 MACKINNON STAKES



Shillelagh / By Savabeel, from Trocair

Backs up after winning the Group 1 Empire Rose Stakes last week and will line up in the \$2 million Mackinnon Stakes over 2000m at Flemington. Two of New Zealand's favourite sons – Chris Waller and James McDonald (who gave her the ride of the Carnival last week) combine again and hopefully the seven-year-old daughter of Savabeel can provide owners/breeders Christopher and Susanna Grace with a third Group 1 win.

SAVVY COUP

GROUP 2 MATRIARCH STAKES



Savvy Coup / By Savabeel, from Eudora

The Waikato Stud bred four-year-old mare looks to be a leading contender in the Matriarch Stakes – a Group 2 race for mares over 2000m at Flemington. The daughter of Savabeel will find this much more to her liking and this race was always her target when the Pitman stable sent her to Melbourne. Her opposition includes fellow WS bred O'Reilly mare Our Libretto, who is going for five straight wins.

MADISON COUNTY GROUP 1 2000 GUINEAS



Madison County / By Pins, from Red Delicious

A Group 2 winner already this season, the Waikato Stud bred son of Pins takes his place in the \$500,000 Group 1 2000 Guineas at Riccarton. He looks well placed stepping up to the 1600m and will be finishing off strongly again. Among his 12 opponents are Savabeel pair Sword Of Osman, the last start Group 2 winner and the very exciting The Chosen One, who is unbeaten.

TORGERSEN GROUP 3 CHATHAM STAKES



Torgersen / By Pins, from Oh So Glam

The six-year-old son of Pins, who comes from one of Waikato Stud's best families lines up in the \$200,000 Group 3 Chatham Stakes at Flemington on Saturday. A last start winner, he has been placed on a number of occasions at Group level but is yet to win a Stakes race – hopefully he can do it here. He was scratched from a Listed race at Hawkesbury on Thursday to run here.



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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE GLAMOUR PUSS & SWICK

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As the famous Flemington Carnival comes to a close, it features the main sprint race for the week the \$1 million VRC Sprint Classic.

Story by Jeremy Rogers

BELOW / Glamour Puss

Over the years, the 1200m showpiece has had a number of different names including the Salinger Stakes, Emirates Classic, The Age Classic, Patinack Classic and Darley Classic just to name a few.

Back in early 2000's Waikato Stud bred two winners of the Sprint Classic within four years - Glamour Puss who was raced by Waikato Stud was successful in 2005, while O'Reilly gelding Swick gained Group 1 glory three years later.

In 1999 Waikato Stud sent a number of mares to Storm Cat's Group 1 winning son Tale Of The Cat. Among those mares were Last Lady, a sister to Kinjite who produced the Group 2 winner Scaredee Cat and the Group 2 placed Centaine mare Escada (Centenaire in Australia)



whose filly raced as Glamour Puss.

She was always a lovely filly and was destined to race in the Waikato Stud colours. After her initial education at Courtza Park, she was sent to the stables of Paul O'Sullivan. Given plenty of time, she was wasn't seen at the races until the Spring of her three-year-old career. Starting in a 1200m Maiden at Matamata in October, she showed she had plenty of ability with a strong debut performance, charging home to claim victory close to the line.

After one more start, she was given a spell and resumed with an impressive win at Te Rapa in February. Although she placed in two of her next four starts, Garry and Mark (Chittick) made the decision to send her over to Australia and she was placed in the care of good friend Danny O'Brien.

During the Spring of 2004, she was allowed to work her way through the grades winning two (and being placed twice) of her five starts. At this stage, a plan was hatched to tackle the two Group 1 races in Adelaide.

Stepping up to Stakes level in February, she won the Listed Moduline H.R.C Stakes at Caulfield before heading to the \$300,000 Group 1 Robert Sangster Stakes at Morphettville. She ran a very creditable second to the great mare Alinghi. Given a month between runs, she showed her class with an impressive victory on a very heavy track in the \$250,000 Group 3 Sapphire Stakes at Randwick.

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE GLAMOUR PUSS & SWICK (CONT'D)

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Returning to Morphettville, she proved far too good for her opposition, claiming her first Group 1 with a victory in Adelaide's premier spring race – the \$300,000 Goodwood Handicap. Obviously being a Group 1 winner, whatever she did from now on was a bonus.

Given a spell, she was set for Spring. After an unplaced run in the Manikato Stakes, she ran second in the Group 2 Gilgai Stakes. Having had two runs back from a spell and dropping five kilograms, she claimed her second Group 1 when winning the Salinger Stakes.

Doing so well during the week, Danny O'Brien had very little hesitation backing her up in the Group 2 The Age Classic seven days later. Again, she left the likes of Stratum, Cape Of Good Hope, Dance Hero and Takeover Target in her wake, completing the 'Sprint double'.

Following a second in the Group 1 TJ Smith Stakes at Randwick in April, the decision was to made to send her to Royal Ascot in England. As she had gone so well when backing up at Flemington, she was set for the Group 2 King Stand over 1000m on the Tuesday before competing in the Group 1 Golden Jubilee Stakes four days later. She ran very well on the first day finishing 1.4 lengths behind Takeover Target but wasn't as her best in the Golden Jubilee, finishing 10th.

This was to be her last race and she was retired to stud. She did a great job at stud and all eight of her foals have won a race and two have been Stakes performers. Glamour Puss passed away in 2016 but her legacy lives on at Waikato through a number of her daughters which have been retained.

Some would regard O'Reilly gelding Swick as enigmatic but he was probably more a victim of his racing pattern – he settled well back in his races before charging late.

Born in the Spring of 2001, he was a very attractive looking colt and was always the favourite of then Yearling Manager Yvonne Shanks. Going to the 2003 Yearling Sales, he was purchased by Champion Australian trainer Bart Cummings for \$100,000.

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE GLAMOUR PUSS & SWICK (CONT'D)

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Given the one 'educational' run as a two-year-old when finishing third at Rosehill in May, he returned in the Spring with an impressive win at Kembla Grange. Stepping straight up to Group 2 level, he was placed in the Stan Fox Stakes. On the back of this performance, Bart ran him in the Caulfield Guineas but he ran below par behind Pins colt Econsul and following another poor performance at 1600m, he was turned out for a spell.

He only had a very light three start preparation during the Autumn. Returning in February he won again fresh up at Rosehill before coming from last to finish third in the Listed Darby Munro Stakes and second in the \$250,000 Group 2 South Pacific Stakes. Given another threerace preparation in the Spring, he returned in April 2006 with victory at Rosehill.

Again turned out after a disappointing run in the Doncaster Handicap, he resumed with a fourth placing in the Group 1 Salinger Stakes at Flemington before winning the Group 3 Sandown Stakes. He was then spelled and ran first up in the Newmarket Handicap, ran that year at Caulfield. He finished 1.4 lengths behind the likes of Miss Andretti and Gold Edition.

In the Spring, the highlight of his four-start preparation was winning the Group 2 Salinger Stakes at Flemington on Derby Day before returning in the Autumn with a narrow second to the mighty Apache Cat in the Group 1 Lightning Stakes. He followed up with fourth placings in both the Group 1 Newmarket and Group 1 BTC Cup at Doomben.

As a seven-year-old, he returned in the Spring of 2008 and put in a couple of ordinary performances before coming from near last to run second in the Group 2 Gilgai Stakes, again down the straight at Flemington. Set again for the Melbourne Cup Carnival, he was only fair in the Group 2 Salinger Stakes on Derby Day before Bart Cummings decided to back him up in the Group 1 Patinack Classic.

As per his normal racing pattern, he settled last for rider Michael Rodd before tracking into the race strongly coming onto the course proper. He quickly reeled in Turffontein before going on for an impressive victory.

This was a massive day for Waikato Stud as their filly Daffodil had earlier in the day won the Group 1 1000 Guineas at Riccarton and Pins mare Tootsie won a Listed race at Te Rapa.

This was to be Swick's last win and he ended his career with six wins and just under \$1.1 million in prize money.



LEFT / Swick



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TOP (L) Mark and Pippa Chittick with Steve Carson - the winner of the wackiest hat competition (men's divison)

TOP (R) Jasmine Robertson (left) and Jaimee Gowler (right)

BELOW (from left to right) Emma Dench, Hannah Fraser, Kennedy Beaumont and Libby Olsen



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BELOW Mark and Pippa Chittick with Lucy MacKinnon - the winner of the wackiest hat competition (ladies divison)



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ABOVE & LEFT / Members of the Koren Racing Authority with Savabeel today

The *anatomy* of Tivaci's First Foals

Tivaci - by High Chaparral, from Breccia

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Strong, robust hindquarter

Powerful shoulders Critical for elongated stride length

Muscular forearm For support and strength

> Well balanced For optimised efficiency



Watch Tivaci's first foals in motion Image: Tivaci filly from Fancy Dress



FAMOUS FOALS TIVACI X GOLDEN GAMBLE COLT

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In the famous foals segment, we will meet foals from some of Australasia's toughest race mares as well as siblings of elite racehorses.

This week we introduce you to a half-brother to two-time Hong Kong Horse of the Year Ambitious Dragon.

On October 9 2018, Golden Gamble gave birth to a healthy brown colt by WS freshman sire Tivaci.

Bred by Pat Lowry, this colt's dam Golden Gamble has enjoyed a stellar career at stud where she has produced multiple Group Onewinning two-time Hong Kong Horse of the Year Ambitious Dragon (by Pins), as well as Group placed galloper Packing Dragon.

Golden Gamble's progeny have been highly sought after by Hong Kong and Singapore connections and six of her seven foals to the races have been winners.

This foal's big brother Ambitious Dragon was retired in 2015 and shortly after, returned to his birthplace in Hawke's Bay where he is enjoying a much-deserved retirement.

> BELOW / Golden Gamble with her 2018 foal by Tivaci





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Have a great weekend all.

Cheers, **Mark**





GARRY'S CORNER

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So much to think about, so much to comment on hard to know where to start. Let's start with the first two days of the VRC carnival, as always that wonderful sporting city Melbourne has the ability to create event excitement.



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