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# Weekend @Waikato

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Wishing everyone a safe  
and happy Easter!

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Weanlings at Waikato Stud  
Photo credit: Sharon  
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## PINS MARE AT TOP OF HER GAME

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Princess Kereru completed a rewarding campaign at Hastings with the daughter of the late Pins enjoying further stakes success.

The reliable five-year-old was a dominant winner of the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Finance Sprint for trainers Ken and Bev Kelso and Mark Donoghue.

The victory took Princess Kereru's career record to seven wins and eight placings from just 25 starts and over \$250,000 in stakes earnings.

Along with her two stakes wins – she was also an appropriate winner of the Gr.3 Waikato Stud Plate last month – in this preparation, she also recorded a valuable Group One placing when

narrowly beaten in the Railway at Ellerslie back in January.

"She's just gone to another level this year," Ken Kelso said. "If you had said to me last year that she would be doing this I would have laughed at you.

"She's just really strengthened up as she always has had ability, but was just a bit weak."

Kelso also praised the mare's bulletproof nature, which has seen her thrive since commencing her current campaign back in October.

"She's been up a long time but just does everything right," he said. "She eats and is so relaxed and has a great temperament. Temperament is a huge thing in this game and she just eats, sleeps and is a real little trooper."



**BELOW** / Princess Kereru  
Photo credit: Race  
Images Photos



## SACRED FALLS FILLY SHARP AT TRIALS

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Amazing Team showed she was ready for an imminent return to racing with a tidy trial success at Te Awamutu.

The Sacred Falls filly won her 1000 metre heat on Monday in effortless fashion.

The two-year-old made the running and coasted home untouched by rider Shiarna Johnson.

Trained by Team Rogerson, Amazing Team placed in two of her four starts during her summer campaign.

She is a half-sister to a pair of winners with their dam the Bachelor Duke mare Flower Girl, who was successful on three occasions.

It is the family of Waikato Stud's home-bred Australian and European Group One winner Starcraft.



BELOW / Amazing Team  
Photo credit: Race Images  
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## COX PLATE POTENTIAL FOR OCEAN MARE RONDINELLA

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Cambridge trainers Roger James and Robert Wellwood were ecstatic with Rondinella's Gr.1 Sydney Cup fourth-placing at Randwick on Saturday and they are now eyeing spring spoils with their mare, with a potential Cox Plate tilt on the cards.



BELOW / Rondinella  
Photo Credit: Bradley Photos

"I was proud of her (in the Sydney Cup)," James said. "At the beginning of the preparation she was a one-win horse.

"In her last three runs she has run third behind Melody Belle and Danzandance on a bog at Auckland at Group One weight-for-age.

"She ran third in the Tancred (Gr.1, 2400m) behind Avilius, who is unbeaten in Sydney, and probably the second pin-up horse behind Winx in Australia. That was again on a bog.

"She has now run fourth in a Group One two-mile. She has come a long way in one preparation."

While pleased with the result on Saturday, James said Rondinella still did a bit wrong and will be a better horse in the spring.

"She never gave the jockey (Sam Clipperton) a rest at any stage of the

race and he gave her a peach of a ride, but she just didn't button off for him.

"I thought she was incredibly brave and I think it was class, guts and determination that enabled her to run fourth in the race."

Melbourne is now beckoning Rondinella in the spring, but James said the Melbourne Cup won't be a likely target for his mare.

"I was very happy with her going into Saturday, but I have my reservations whether she will ever be a true, seasoned two-miler," he said.

"I think she has got a little too much brilliance and I think 2000 to 2400m is probably her best distance.

"It's too early to make any plans, but personally I think she has enough brilliance to be a Cox Plate (Gr.1, 2040m) horse.

"The Caulfield Cup (Gr.1, 2400m) is certainly one that will be in the mix, but I don't know about the Melbourne Cup (Gr.1, 3200m)."

James believes Rondinella could be the best horse he has had since four-time Group One winner Silent Achiever and is excited for what the future holds for the daughter of Ocean Park.

"I made the bold statement when she won a maiden race that I thought she could be the best I'd had since Silent Achiever and I have never had any reason to regret it," he said.

"We have asked some massive questions of her this preparation and she hasn't disappointed.

"Given the right preparation and the right track conditions I think you will see a big improvement from now to next season.

"I truly think she is six to 12 months away from maturity." – NZ Racing Desk





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

# Sacred Falls

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## *Group One good looks*

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## *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

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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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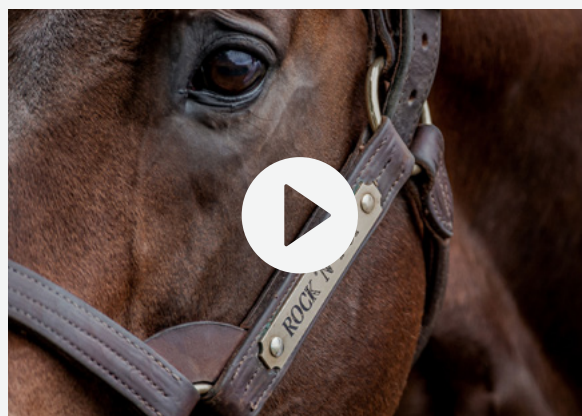


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# WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS

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## SATURDAY 20 APRIL

### PURPLE SECTOR

Pins – Eden Valley

**G3** Frank Packer Plate, 2000m  
Randwick, 3:10 pm (NZT)

### THE CHOSEN ONE

Savabeel – The Glitzy One

**G3** Frank Packer Plate, 2000m  
Randwick, 3:10 pm (NZT)

### ON THE WHITE TURF

Savabeel – Pins on Ice

**G3** Frank Packer Plate, 2000m  
Randwick, 3:10 pm (NZT)

### HASABRO

Savabeel – Halloween

**G2** Championship Stakes. 2100m  
Ellerslie, 3:35 pm (NZT)

### IGNORED

Savabeel -She's Snubbed

**G2** Championship Stakes. 2100m  
Ellerslie, 3:35 pm (NZT)

### ELATE

Savabeel – High Joy

**G2** Championship Stakes. 2100m  
Ellerslie, 3:35 pm (NZT)

### SAVVY COUP

Savabeel – Eudora

**Listed** Tails Stakes, 1615m  
Doomben, 3:53 pm (NZT)

### KAONIC

Savabeel – Fast Love

**Listed** Tails Stakes, 1615m  
Doomben, 3:53 pm (NZT)

### YEARN

Savabeel – Princess Uno

**G2** Easter Handicap, 1600m  
Ellerslie, 4:10 pm (NZT)

### MONGOLIANCONQUEROR

Ocean Park – Queen Rania

**G2** Easter Handicap, 1600m  
Ellerslie, 4:10 pm (NZT)

### HANGER (emergency)

O'Reilly – Do Ra Mi

**G2** Easter Handicap, 1600m  
Ellerslie, 4:10 pm (NZT)

### (OUR) LIBRETTO

O'Reilly – Etoile du Nord

**G3** Japan Racing Association Plate, 2000m  
Randwick, 4:20 pm (NZT)

### THE LORD MAYOR

Rock 'n' Pop – Soph

**G3** Japan Racing Association Plate, 2000m  
Randwick, 4:20 pm (NZT)

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Savabeel – Generous Nature

**G3** Hall Mark Stakes, 1200m  
Randwick, 6:15 pm (NZT)



# BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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## IGNORED

GROUP 2 CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES



**Ignored** / By Savabeel, from She's Snubbed

The WS-bred and raced daughter of Savabeel is only very lightly raced and is starting to prove she's a filly with plenty of class. She has notched together two wins from five starts and both wins have been recorded on a good or dead track - indicating that she should enjoy the (currently) dead track at Ellerslie. The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained filly has drawn wide in barrier 15, but hopefully, jockey Matthew Cameron can find a good spot for her in the running and give her every chance to add all important black-type to her record.

## THE CHOSEN ONE

GROUP 3 FRANK PACKER PLATE



**The Chosen One** / By Savabeel, from The Glitzy One

Last seen in the Group 1 Australian Derby, Savabeel colt The Chosen One put in a dazzling run, flashing home to land fourth place. He won the Group 3 Manawatu Classic in fine fashion prior to that and was unlucky in the Derby, drawing wide and being forced to settle well back in the field. Off the back of these performances, he should be extremely competitive in the Group 3 Frank Packer Plate at Randwick on Saturday. The Baker / Forsman trained three-year-old has drawn barrier 11 and Blake Shinn has been booked to ride.

## ON THE WHITE TURF

GROUP 3 FRANK PACKER PLATE



**On the White Turf** / By Savabeel, from Pins on Ice

The WS-bred and raced daughter of Savabeel has really hit her straps, winning two of her four starts this preparation. She has been unbeaten in her last two starts and will make her debut at Stakes level when she lines up in the Group 3 Frank Packer Plate at Randwick on Saturday. Trained by Richard Freedman, top Kiwi jockey James McDonald will go aboard. She has unfortunately drawn the outside gate (barrier 12) but hopefully, her class prevails and she is able to add a Group win to her growing resume.

## THE LORD MAYOR

GROUP 3 JAPAN ASSOCIATION PLATE



**The Lord Mayor** / By Rock 'n' Pop, from Soph

The progressive son of Rock 'n' Pop has a record that proves he loves this trip (2000m), having won three of his five starts over this distance, including a last start win in the Toowoomba Cup. Trained by Chris Waller, the four-year-old gelding is weighted favorably amongst the field, carrying 53 kgs and if the track remains at a 'good' or better surface, this should be to his liking. He has drawn a touch wide in barrier 10 and Jay Ford will go aboard.

## AT THE FARM

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**ABOVE** (from left to right) Will Apatu, George Chittick, Will Lowry, Sam Lowry, Harry Lowry, Paul Apatu, Paddy Lowry and Guy Lowry.

THIS WEEK

## At the farm

This week we had the pleasure of hosting the Lowry and Apatu families. They are pictured above with Savabeel after his workout and bath.



## MARK'S MAIL

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Wishing everyone a happy and safe long Easter weekend!

Cheers  
**Mark**



## GARRY'S CORNER

I said last week what a week we had ahead of us. The lead up to the Winx farewell was, of course, the Inglis Easter Sale. This years catalogue was compressed offering only 400 yearlings in what really is the grand finale of the years selling season.



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