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Welcome back



It's all hands on deck at the farm this week!

We have the kids' home from school for the holidays and any extra pairs of hands are happily put to work at this busy time of year.

It was great racing for Waikato Stud last weekend with coverage in the following pages on Acting's win and what this means for her sire Savabeel. We check-in with a couple of key members of the WS team,

and as always, feature the Black Type Spotlight for ones to watch in this weekend's racing.

This is the fourth edition of the new look to our weekly newsletter and we'd love to hear your feedback. If there's anything, in particular, you'd like to see in The Waikato Weekly, do let us know.

We hope you enjoy the read.

Mark and the Waikato Stud team

Acting's success

typifies the challenging breeding game

ACTING'S RAPID ASCENT TO GROUP GLORY HAS BEEN A BITTERSWEET RIDE FOR THE STUD AS SHE WAS THE LAST FOAL PRODUCED BY THE PINS MARE HOLLYWOOD.

The dam subsequently succumbed to laminitis so it was an obvious decision to retain the filly and it proved a wise choice with her dominant win in the Gr.2 Thousand Guineas Prelude putting her firmly on target for the Gr.1 Thousand Guineas.

"It was a shame to lose such a young mare, but we all know that's what can happen in this business," Mark Chittick said. "Obviously, we decided to keep the filly and it's all looking pretty exciting now."

Hollywood won three races herself, including a metropolitan success in Melbourne, and has also produced the multiple winner Star of O'Reilly.

Acting, by Savabeel, is from a family that has served the farm so well for many years, dating way back to the Thorndon Park days, as her second dam is the two-time Group 1 winner Glamour Puss.

She is a half-sister to Vision And Power, also successful twice at the highest level, and a pedigree that further

features the Gr.1 Coolmore Classic winner, Steps In Time and more recently the stakes winner and Group performer, Bonny O'Reilly.

Trained by Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young, Acting has won three of her four starts and the stable's private belief that she was the best horse in the yard went public at Caulfield where she came off a Benchmark 64 win at Sandown to thump her Group Two rivals with a commanding front-running performance.

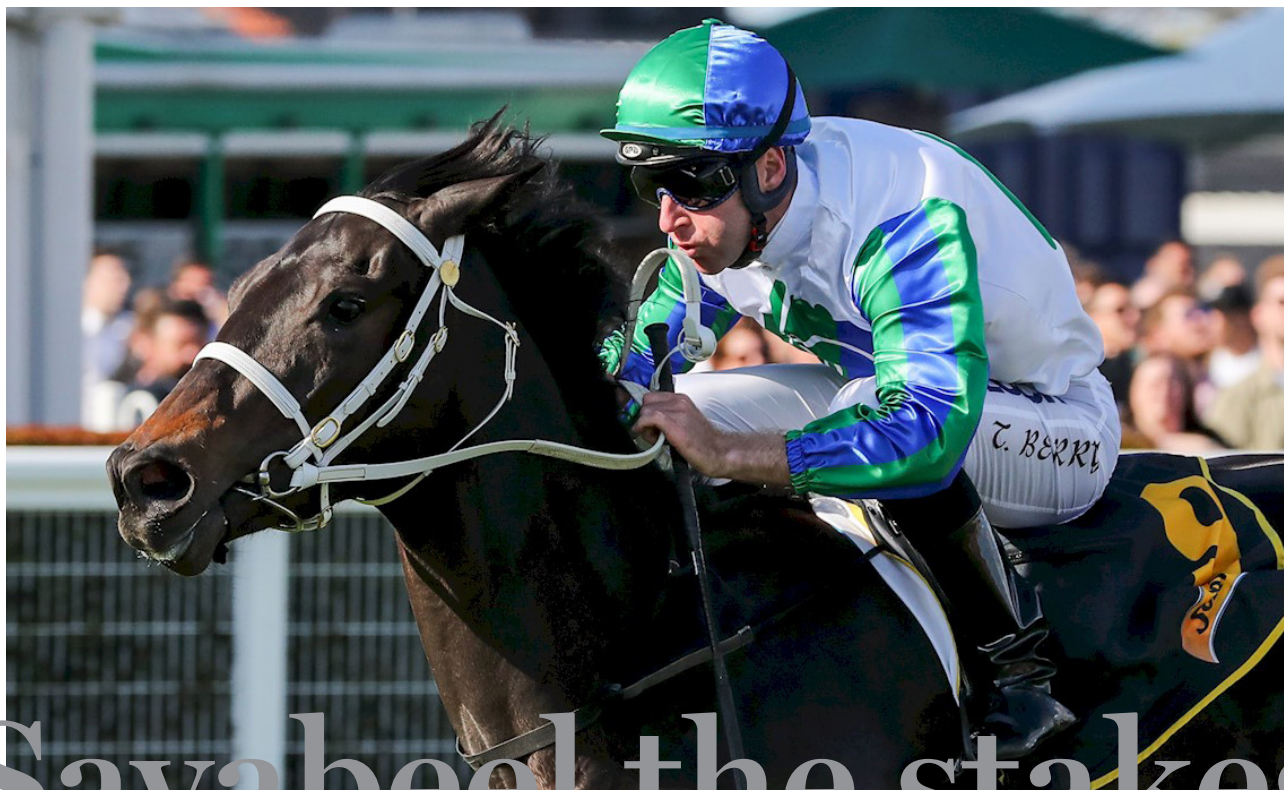
That said, they did overlook a payment to keep her in the Thousand Guineas which has since been rectified.

"It's been paid, Trent and Natalie earned the late entry fee and some more last Sunday," Chittick joked.

Tommy Berry guided Acting to her impressive last-start win, but suspension has counted him out of Thousand Guineas day and Craig Williams has been booked to partner the filly.

Below: Acting





Savabeel the stakes winning deal

OUR MULTIPLE CHAMPION SIRE SAVABEEL CONTINUES TO MAKE HIS PRESENCE FELT AND HE'S NOW INTO THE NINETIES AS HE APPROACHES THAT MAGICAL MARK OF 100 STAKES WINNERS.

"He's been such a wonderfully successful servant of the farm and we've no doubt he'll bring up his century in double quick time. He's got excellent prospects this weekend of adding to his tally of 18 individual Group One winners," Mark Chittick said.

Savabeel, who went to 90 black type winners courtesy of the Waikato Stud-

bred and raced Acting in the Gr.2 Caulfield Thousand Guineas Prelude, will be represented by our home-bred Probabeel in the Gr.1 Flight Stakes at Randwick, and Kaonic is a genuine lightweight chance in the Gr.1 Epsom Handicap.

Probabeel was just pipped in the Gr.2 Tea Rose Stakes over 1400 metres and trainer Jamie Richards said the step up to 1600 metres will be ideal for her.

"She's peaking at the right time and we're looking forward to the race."

The Chris Waller-trained stakes winner Kaonic drew serious attention to his Epsom chances, in which he will carry just 50kg, when he charged home for fourth in the Gr.3 Cameron Handicap.

"I genuinely think he's a lightweight chance," Waller's General Manager Charlie Duckworth said. "He was terrific in the Cameron and the track is likely to race as a genuine 4. That will be in his favour, he likes to get his toe in, and Andrew Gibbons can do the weight easily."

Above: Savabeel

ON THE FARM



CATCHING UP WITH DR. CHRIS PHILLIPS

This week we catch up with Waikato Stud resident Veterinarian Chris Phillips to see how breeding season has kicked off...

With 90 mares foaled and 60 mares tested in-foal before the end of September, the start of the season has been fantastic.

A mild winter, excellent pasture and plenty of pre-season preparation has seen us cover over 70 percent of our dry mares and with 45 already tested in foal. The stallions are covering exceptionally well. Pre-season treadmill exercise, well-teased mares and a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere in the breeding shed are all contributing factors to the boys achieving a fantastic average per cycle pregnancy rate of 72 percent for the start of the season. Overall, our percentage of mares sixteen days covered or more tested in foal is sitting at 85 percent, a brilliant result which makes the life of an on-farm vet considerably more relaxed!!

Highlights of the week with Kerrie Cox

Winner of the week

This week it has to be the Waikato Stud bred and owned Savabeel filly Acting in the Group 2 1000 Guineas Prelude at Caulfield. Such an exciting win with hopefully more to come from her in the next couple of weeks.

Foaling of the week

Hard to pick but on Tuesday night we welcomed a beautiful Savabeel filly out of the talented stakes winning mare Starvoia.

Mating of the week

I have to pick two... Our dual Group 1 winner Daffodil was served by Savabeel this week and a stakes performing mare I'm very fond of Pinzaara was served by Sacred Falls.

Pregnancy of the week

Make a Wish – 16 days positive in foal to Savabeel. Make A Wish is the dam of the \$1.4m yearling sold at the Karaka 2019 Yearling sales.





The Enquiry with Danny O'Brien

This week we caught up with Melbourne based Danny O'Brien to find out what makes one of Australia's top trainers tick...

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| 1. Melbourne Cup / Caulfield Cup | 12. Early night / Sleep in |
| 2. Kiwi bred / Aussie bred | 13. Sweet / Savoury |
| 3. WFA / Handicap | 14. Talk / Listen |
| 4. Phar Lap / Sunline | 15. Jandals / Trainers |
| 5. 1200m / 2400m | 16. Sports Car / SUV |
| 6. Private sale / Public auction | 17. Early morning / late night |
| 7. Stallion / Mare | 18. Lake / Beach |
| 8. Randwick / Rosehill* | 19. Theatre / Movie |
| 9. Dine in / Dine out | 20. Beer / Wine |
| 10. Travel / Home | |
| 11. Surprise Me / Tell Me | |

*(Prefer Flemington to either)



RESIDENT STALLIONS

WAIKATO STUD PROUDLY OFFERS YOU AN
INTERNATIONALLY CELEBRATED STALLION LINE-UP.



Savabeel

10.8% Stakes winners to runners

SERVICE FEE:

\$125,000 + GST LFG (BOOK FULL)



Sacred Falls

Leading young sire

SERVICE FEE:

\$20,000 + GST LFG



Tivaci

Group One winning sprinter/miler

SERVICE FEE:

\$20,000 + GST LFG



Ocean Park

The sire of 102 winners and
13 stakes horses

SERVICE FEE:

\$15,000 + GST LFG



Ardrossan

Group winning sprinter

SERVICE FEE:

\$8,000 + GST LFG



Rock 'n' Pop

Multiple stakes producer

SERVICE FEE:

\$7,000 + GST LFG



WS Sired Stakes Runners

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

Vernanme

(O'Reilly x Bohemian Blues)

Hastings Race 8 Livamol Classic - 2040m Open Gr1

Trainer: Stephen Marsh

Rider: Danielle Johnson

Morse Code

(Pins x Really Reputable)

Hastings Race 9 Red Badge Sprint - 1400m Open Gr3

Trainer: Tom Perry

Rider: Leah Hemi

Tiptronic

(O'Reilly x Tiptoes)

Hastings Race 9 Red Badge Spring Sprint - 1400m Open Gr3

Trainer: Graham Richardson

Rider: Michael Coleman

Adelaide Ace

(Savabeel x Ampin)

Flemington Race 5 Super Impose Stakes - 1800m Open LR

Trainer: Lindsey Smith

Rider: John Allen

Hanger

(O'Reilly x Do Ra Mi)

Hastings Race 9 Red Badge Spring Sprint - 1400m Open Gr3

Trainer: R & R James & Wellwood

Rider: Leith Innes

Craftmanship

(Savabeel x Aspinal)

Flemington Race 5 Super Impose Stakes - 1800m Open LR

Trainer: M G & M Price & Kent

Rider: Ben Melham

Brutal

(O'Reilly x Alberton Princess)

Randwick Race 5 Premiere Stakes - 1200m Open Gr2

Trainer: M, W & J Hawkes

Rider: Tommy Berry

Mach One

(Savabeel x Purple Muse)

Flemington Race 5 Super Impose Stakes - 1800m Open LR

Trainer: Trent Busuttin And Natalie Young

Rider: Brett Prebble

My Pendant

(Pins x My Locket)

Flemington Race 4 Blazer Stakes - 1400m Open Gr2

Trainer: Danny O'Brien

Rider: Craig Williams

Aotea Lad

(Savabeel x Corsage)

Hastings Race 5 - 1400m Open Gr2

Trainer: Jamie Richards

Rider: Oppie Bosson



WS Sired Stakes Runners

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

Exuberant

(Savabeel x Merrily)

Hastings Race 5 Sacred Falls Hawke's Bay Guineas - 1400m Open Gr2

Trainer: Stephen Marsh

Rider: Danielle Johnson

Probabeel

(Savabeel x Far Fetched)

Randwick Race 4 Flight Stakes - 1600m Open Gr1

Trainer: Jamie Richards

Rider: Kerrin Mc Evoy

Kaonic

(Savabeel x Fast Love)

Randwick Race 7 Epsom Handicap - 1600m Open Gr1

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Andrew Gibbons

Fabric

(Ocean Park x Haberdashery)

Flemington Race 4 Blazer Stakes - 1400m Open Gr2

Trainer: Danny O'Brien

Rider: Brett Prebble

Kolding

(Ocean Park x Magic Star)

Randwick Race 7 Epsom Handicap - 1600m Open Gr1

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Glen Boss

Star Of The Seas

(Ocean Park x Stella Livia)

Randwick Race 7 Epsom Handicap - 1600m Open Gr1

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Michael Dee

Black Type Spotlight



My Pendant (Pins x My Locket) **Group 2 Blazer Stakes**

Only 1.5L of them in her last start, the Group 2 Let's Elope Stakes. She was bred in partnership with Fawcett/Wright and retained by the stud. Same race as Fabric (Ocean Park).



Probabeel (Savabeel x Far Fetched) **Group 1 Flight Stakes**

The Jaime Richards trained daughter of Savabeel flew home last start. Small field huge chance.



Fabric (Ocean Park x Haberdashery) **Group 2 Blazer Stakes**

First crack at black type. Won well last start. Bred and raced by the stud and in same race as My Pendant (Pins).



Kolding (Ocean Park x Magic Star) **Group 1 Epsom Handicap**

The Chris Waller trained gelding is equal favourite. Won last start, light weight and big chance.

Mark's Mail

CHECK IN WITH MARK AS HE TALKS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT AT WAIKATO STUD IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF MARK'S MAIL.



Garry's Corner

We are back... A quick turnaround from Sydney to the Hunter Valley and back home full of I won't say knowledge, but plenty of opinions.

I am a little unusual in that I actually really like Australians. Sure, they have the confidence of the lucky country, yes, they are in your face, and yes, any opportunity to stick it up their Kiwi cousins delights them. However, they are not all Cheika's and I think our ability to be impervious to their barbs doesn't restrain them, but more puzzles them.

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to read Garry's Corner