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# A WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE

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Photo: Probabeel edging clear of Funstar in Saturday's Gr.1 Surround Stakes.

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# Welcome! What a weekend...

What a weekend for the New Zealand Breeding & Racing industry!

Savabeel (pictured below during the breeding season) registered his 19th individual Gr.1 winner with Probabeel in the Gr.1 Surround Stakes and just one race later it was Windsor Park Stud's turn with Rip Van Winkle siring the Gr.1

Chipping Norton Stakes winner, Te Akau Shark.

Both of these horses are trained by Jamie Richards and were selected by Te Akau Racing's David Ellis.

I sat down with David Ellis just over a year ago and he told me he was adjusting their business model to

include more racing in Australia, so it was bloody good to see them go over there and be rewarded like this and to see our NZ racing and breeding form stack up so well!

**Mark and the  
Waikato Stud team**



## Fast facts:

**19**

Probabeel is Savabeel's 19th individual Gr.1 winner.

**3**

The 3 Gr.1 winners bred on the Savabeel / Pins cross comprise of Brambles, Savvy Coup and Probabeel.

**98/99**

Savabeel has sired 98/98 stakes winners. At the same point in time his sire Zabeel had 99 stakes winners.

**41**

Probabeel is the 41st Gr.1 winner bred by Waikato Stud.

**13.2%**

The Savabeel/ Pins cross currently runs at 13.2 % Stakes Winners-to-Runners.

**13**

Probabeel is one of 13 stakes winners for Savabeel this season.



# Savabeel's daughter Probabeel reigns supreme

Probabeel became Waikato Stud's 41st individual Gr.1 winner bred when she turned the tables on her nemesis Funstar in the Surround Stakes at Randwick on Saturday.

Funstar had Probabeel's measure in two Sydney spring starts, but all honours were to be with Savabeel's daughter, with the first top-flight test of the Sydney autumn going her way in barnstorming fashion.

Raced by Brendan and Jo Lindsay of Cambridge Stud, and trained by Jamie Richards, Probabeel has now won six of 12 starts, with earnings of A\$1,529,256 notably assisted by history-making wins in the Karaka 2YO Million and Karaka 3YO Million.

Probabeel was a \$380,000 purchase by David Ellis at Karaka and is the only foal to have raced for Far Fetched, a Pins mare who was successful three times and was third in the Gr.3 Lowland Stakes.

Probabeel is Savabeel's 19th individual Gr.1 winner and is the 13th stakes winner bred on the Savabeel / Pins cross. Other Gr.1 winners bred on this cross have included Brambles and Savvy Coup.

Probabeel is likely to now target the Gr.2 Phar Lap Stakes (1500m) at Rosehill on March 14 before heading to the Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m) at Rosehill on March 28.



[Click here to watch the 2020 Gr. 1 Surround Stakes](#)

## Breeding

Savabeel - Far Fetched by Pins

## Owners

Brendan & Jo Lindsay, Cambridge Stud

## Yearling purchaser

David Ellis, Te Akau Racing

## Trainer

Jamie Richards

## Jockey

Opie Bosson

## Strapper in Australia

Ashley Handley



# What they had to say:

Probabeel has been a special filly right since David bought her as a yearling. To win the Karaka Million, then go to Australia in the Autumn and be competitive against their 2YO's was impressive. But to then go back in the Spring at three and again be highly competitive, before winning the Karaka Million 3YO and returning to Australia to win at Gr.1 level, it really speaks something about the quality and toughness of this filly. She will be held in the highest regard for a very long time to come I assure you.

**Trainer:** Jamie Richards.

The Gr.1 wins at Randwick on Saturday by Probabeel and Te Akau Shark were great examples of what the NZ Breeding industry is able to achieve. Despite our foal crop which is about 3000 as opposed to Australia's 20,000, we punch well above our weight!

**Buyer:** David Ellis.

I thought we were in a spot of bother on the corner, she was under the pump, but to her credit she really found the line well and she's a very exciting filly.

**Trainer:** Jamie Richards, after the race.

She had to do it the hard way and she's come back so much stronger this time in. She is an amazing filly.

**Rider:** Opie Bosson, after the race.

As a yearling I wrote in my catalogue that Probabeel was a B++. My notes said: good size and scope; outstanding type; a ripper.

**Buyer:** David Ellis.





# Probabeel Photo Album



Above: Probabeel as a foal.



Left: Probabeel's dam Far Fetched with Rosie Myers en route to her 3rd placing in the Gr.3 Lowland Stakes.

Trained by John Bary, Far Fetched registered three wins and five placings from 11 starts.



# Probabeel Photo Album



Above: Probabeel as a yearling with handler Joey Lyons.

She was later purchased at the 2018 Karaka Book One Sale by Te Akau Racing's David Ellis for \$380,000.



Left: Probabeel's paternal grand dam Savannah Success also won the Surround Stakes.



# Probabeel Photo Album



Above: Probabeel returning to scale with Opie Bosson after winning the Karaka 2YO Million.



Above right (top): Probabeel winning the Karaka 3YO Million.



Above right (below): Probabeel at Karaka.

Right: Joey Lyons taking Probabeel through the ring.

