



THE WAIKATO WEEKLY



Welcome



Welcome to The Waikato Weekly.
We hope you enjoy the read.

Mark and the Waikato Stud team

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Kolding

Ocean Park's Gr.1 son is set to tackle the AUD\$5 million All-Star Mile

20 Gr.1 Winners for Savabeel

Cool Aza Beel (pictured on cover) became Savabeel's 20th Gr.1 winner last Saturday with victory in the Sistema Stakes

60 Seconds

With Mitch Beer.

Black-Type Spotlight

This week's Black-type action.



Kolding Poised to Star again

Ocean Park's son Kolding has already proved himself in top company and he is in line for another major title at Caulfield on Saturday.

The five-year-old is the reigning Gr.1 Epsom Handicap and Golden Eagle champion with victory in the All-Star Mile to earn him a unique treble.

It would also continue the New Zealand onslaught in Australia with the Kiwis winning the first three Group One events of the autumn courtesy of Probabeel (Surround Stakes), Te Akau Shark (Chipping Norton Stakes) and

The Bostonian (Canterbury Stakes).

Kolding, who will meet a top-quality line-up including Te Akau mare Melody Belle, has been the regular ride of Glen Boss, but he will hand the reins to Hugh Bowman due to a suspension.

Boss has no doubt that Kolding's best form will see him collect the thick end of the AUD\$5 million stake.

"I won't be there and that is one that is going to kill me," Boss said. "If he gets it right, he wins the race. It is as simple as that. He is a very, very good gelding.

"Nobody will be cheering harder than me because I really love being on that horse's back. I hope he gives Hughie a great ride and gets the job done."

Kolding will go into the All-Star Mile third-up this preparation and should be all the better for his last-start fifth in the Gr.1 Futurity Stakes at Caulfield, his first attempt left-handed so the experience will stand him in good stead.

Above left and right: Kolding.

Cool Aza Beel extends Gr.1 formula

The proven formula of

- Sire - Savabeel
- Sale - NZ Bloodstock
- Buyer - David Ellis
- Trainer - Jamie Richards
- Jockey - Opie Bosson

extended itself to five Gr.1 winners with Cool Aza Beel's success last Saturday.

Cool Aza Beel joined ranks with the Gr.1 likes of Probabeel, Sword of Osman, Embellish and Hall of Fame following a dominant win in the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes at Ellerslie.

With success also in this year's Karaka Million, Cool Aza Beel looks to have a vice-like grip on the title of this season's Champion NZ 2YO

Cool Aza Beel's win also marked the 20th individual Gr.1 winner for Savabeel and the sire's third Gr.1 winning juvenile

behind Pasadena Girl and Sword of Osman.

Amazingly, the win represented Opie Bosson's seventh success in the race in the last 10 years

Cool Aza Beel currently holds a nomination for the Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes on March 28th.

COOL AZA BEEL

Breeding
Savabeel - Cool 'n' Sassy

Breeder
Fairdale Stud

Buyer
David Ellis, Te Akau Racing

Owners
Te Akau Sassy Beel Syndicate

Trainer
Jamie Richards

Jockey
Opie Bosson

Strapper
Mette Mosebo



Hanger wins Echuca Cup

Popular O'Reilly gelding Hanger endeared himself to his new trainer Mitch Beer with success in the \$100,000 Echuca Cup last weekend.

The effort came at just his second start since relocating to Australia.

"He's a pretty cool customer. As a trainer, you wish you had a stable full of them. It would make life easy."

"Shortly after he arrived, I said to my sister Ash, I hope this one can pay his way because I get the feeling we are going to be feeding him for the rest of his life.

Hanger was previously trained in New Zealand by Roger James and Robert Wellwood and enjoyed four wins and three stakes placings.

"For a 5YO gelding to arrive over here in such good condition and be the gentleman he is, it's a real credit to the level of care he received in New Zealand," said Beer.

Encouragingly, the future looks bright for Hanger.

"I'm rapt with the way he has come through the race. Ash my sister who rides work, said he feels like he did the Saturday before the Echuca Cup," said Beer.

"One of the great things about Country racing is that if you have a gelding

like this and aren't chasing black-type like you perhaps might for a colt or a filly, you can really target the better prizemoney.

"Hanger took home A\$55,000 for the Echuca Cup. From here we could look to the \$50,000 Albury Mile in two weeks and then possibly the \$150,000 Golden Mile at Bendigo on March 28th."

For now though, Beer is taking in the win at hand.

"Hanger has a great group of owners and they are very appreciative to have him. The win itself was particularly special to me because in this ownership group is Clanbrooke Racing and they gave me my first horse to train," reflected Beer.

Below: Hanger winning last Sunday's Echuca Cup



60 Seconds with Mitch Beer

We were thrilled to see trainer Mitch Beer strike the win with Hanger in the Echuca Cup. To get to know him a little better, we decided to put him to 60 seconds of questioning...

How did you get involved with Thoroughbreds?

Dad was a jockey, so I didn't have much choice.

What is one of the greatest thrills you have enjoyed in Racing?

In the first few months of my training career, winning the Gr.3 Typhoon Tracy Stakes at Moonee Valley with Almighty Girl.

Who is a horse you have been particularly fond of?

Dreams of Paris - I leased her from NZ and owned most of her. Not only did I meet some great people as a result of her,

but she probably funded my career for the first 12 months. She always won at the right time. I dread to think what it would have been like, had I not had her.

Best horse involved with?

Efficient - My first job in racing was for Lloyd Williams. Efficient came to us as a yearling and was an amazing horse.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing what you do now?

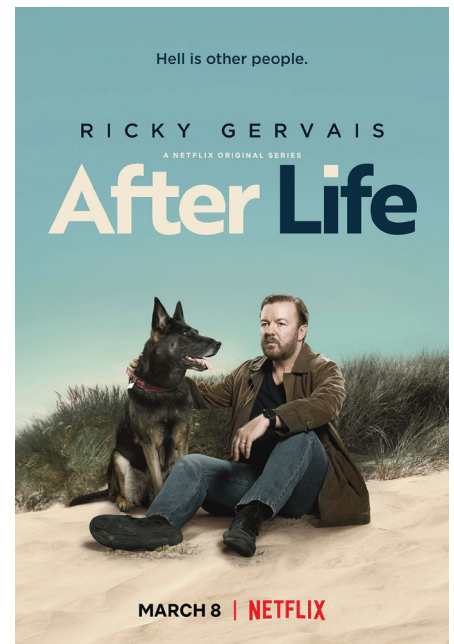
I would be getting out of bed later.

Possibly have a restaurant or a cafe.

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Left to right: John Cooper, Mitch Beer, Hanger, Ashlee Beer, Jo Cooper and Teo Nugent.



What are you passionate about?

Golf, food, family and friends.

What is one of your greatest personal achievements?

Not going broke when I started training three years ago.

What is one of your personal philosophies?

You are going to lose more than you win, so you have to be good at losing.

Who would play you in a movie?

Adam Sandler

What is one of your favourite movies?

The Wedding Singer

What is something not many people would know about you?

I have a David Bowie tattoo

What is one of your guilty pleasures?

Second desserts

Name one person who makes you laugh?

Jockey Jordan Mallyon

What is your favourite thing about your career?

The team of people around me right now.

Do you have any hidden talents?

Golf on a good day.

If you had to have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Peking Duck.

What could you not go the day without?

Coffee and a laugh

What have you recently watched on Netflix?

After Life - best series I've seen.

What is your favourite thing about Waikato Stud?

Ocean Park

Above (left): Almighty Girl
Above (right): After Life



WS Sired Stakes Runners

Friday 13 March

Icebath

(Sacred Falls x Fabulist)

Kembla Grange Classic - 1600m Gr.3, 6:55pm NZT

Trainer: Brad Waddup

Jockey: Christian Reith

All Saints' Eve

(Sacred Falls x Halloween)

Kembla Grange Classic - 1600m Gr.3, 6:55pm NZT

Trainer: John O'Shea

Jockey: Brenton Avdulla

Adelaide Ace

(Savabeel x Ampin)

MVRC Alister Clark Stakes - 2040m Gr.2, 11:30pm NZT

Trainer: Lindsey Smith

Jockey: John Allen

Saturday 14 March

Hank Moody

(Savabeel x Cantante)

Trentham New Zealand St Leger - 2600m, L 1:25 pm NZT

Trainer: Roydon Bergerson

Jockey: Vinnie Colgan

Dance Card

(Savabeel x Dancing Attendance)

Trentham New Zealand St Leger - 2600m, L 1:25 pm NZT

Trainer: Lance Noble

Jockey: Rosie Myers

Kamanda Lincoln

(Savabeel x Careyes)

Trentham New Zealand St Leger - 2600m, L 1:25 pm NZT

Trainer: Lisa Latta

Rider: Darryl Bradley

Yearn

(Savabeel x Princess Uno)

Trentham Cuddle Stakes - 1600m, Gr.3 2:35 pm NZT

Trainer: Karen Fursdon

Jockey: Danielle Johnson

Za Za Gabor

(O'Reilly x Zaza Top)

Trentham Cuddle Stakes - 1600m, Gr.3 2:35 pm NZT

Trainer: Mike Moroney and Pam Gerard

Jockey: Craig Grylls



WS Sired Stakes Runners

Gold Bracelet

(Pins x Miss Bling)

Trentham Wellington Guineas - 1400m, Gr.2 3:15 pm NZT

Trainer: Johnno Benner & HollieWynyard

Jockey: Lisa Allpress

Santa Catarina

(Savabeel x Discreet Evening)

Trentham Lightning Hcp - 1200m, L 3:50 pm NZT

Trainer: Stephen Marsh

Jockey: Danielle Johnson

Showbeel

(Savabeel x Showileo)

Trentham New Zealand Oaks - 2400m, Gr.1 4:25 pm NZT

Trainer: Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman

Rider: Jonathan Riddell

Star of the Seas

(Ocean Park x Stella Livia)

Rosehill Maurice McCarten Hcp - 1100m, Gr.3 4:35 pm NZT

Trainer: Chris Waller

Jockey: James McDonald

Probabeel

(Savabeel x Far Fetched)

Rosehill Phar Lap Stakes - 1500m, Gr.2 5:10 pm NZT

Trainer: Jamie Richards

Jockey: Kerrin McEvoy

Oceanex

(Ocean Park x Danex)

Rosehill Coolmore Classic - 1500m, Gr.1 6:25 pm NZT

Trainer: Mick Price & Michael Kent Jnr

Jockey: Michael Walker

Acting

(Savabeel x Hollywood)

Rosehill Coolmore Classic - 1500m, Gr.1 6:25 pm NZT

Trainer: Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young

Jockey: Jay Ford

Kolding

(Ocean Park x Magic Star)

Caulfield All Star Mile - 1600m, A\$4,500,000 6:45 pm NZT

Trainer: Chris Waller

Jockey: Hugh Bowman

Shauquin

(Savabeel x Bejewelled)

Gold Coast Goldmarket Hcp - 1300m, L 8:00 pm NZT

Trainer: Harold Norman

Jockey: Rikki Palmer

Sunday 15 March

Golden Tycoon

(Pins x Paris Carver)

Selangor Tunku Gold Cup - 1200m Mal-Gr.1, 8:20 pm NZT

Trainer: SB Tan

Jockey: SU Lim

Gr.1 Spotlight



Showbeel

(Savabeel x Showileo)

Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks

A consistently competitive filly, who counts Gr.3 Desert Gold Stakes (1600m) success amongst her six top three placings from last seven starts.



Acting

(Savabeel x Hollywood)

Gr.1 Coolmore Classic

A quality filly who heads postward with success in this season's Gr.2 Thousand Guineas Prelude over 1400m at Caulfield beside her name.



Oceanex

(Ocean Park x Danex)

Gr.1 Coolmore Classic

Won November's Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes over 2000m at her last start. Resumes looking to add Gr.1 success to her smart resume.

Cox Plate Tour Gallery

This year marks the 100th running of the W.S. Cox Plate. This week, we were lucky enough to see the trophy for this year's event and to discuss the contributions made by our own Cox Plate victors Savabeel and Ocean Park

Right: Channel 7's Neil Kearney with Graeme Rogerson and Garry Chittick.

Right (top): Ryan Figgins and Simon Lawson with Ocean Park

Right (bottom): Graeme Rogerson with Savabeel.

Below: Ocean Park, Simon Lawson, Garry Chittick, Savabeel and Ryan Figgins.



Photo of the Week



Yearling Manager Jaimee Gowler and weanlings Cheryl Moana Marie, Impurrfection, Cheeks and Tiptoes made light work of a photoshoot for Gavelhouse this week.

The Sacred Falls colt Cheryl Moana Marie was being caught and photographed for the current Gavelhouse auction. To see him and the rest of the current Gavelhouse catalogue on offer, [click here](#).



Mark's Mail

Great run for Kiwis continues

Another super weekend of racing just been, with the Kiwis continuing their dominant run at the Sydney Carnival.

Congratulations to owners David and Simon Archer along with Di Wright and Natalie Micarone, and trainer Tony Pike for your success with The Bostonian in the Gr.1 Canturbury Stakes.

This Saturday's much-awaited All Star Mile has the Kiwis back in action. This time with Jamie Richards looking for more success across the Tasman with star mare Melody Belle.

The All Star Mile also features the NZ-bred Ocean Park gelding Kolding, so there's plenty to look forward to this

weekend, that's for sure!

Good luck to all racing this weekend.

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Garry's Corner

It's been a very interesting couple of weeks.

The presentations to the select committee were worthwhile taking the time to watch. I didn't watch all and it was difficult to sort the wheat from the chaff, but by and large, most contributions despite any regional bias were focussed on the future involvement and prosperity of our sport.

There is a certain irony in this current part of the Bill, we have in place as a result of part one of the bill the promised financial tweaking, which could be worth around 25 to 30m to be shared amongst the three codes and our administration. Why, would I include them? Well, any previous supposed financial gains have never totally trickled down to racing's needy, the owners.

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