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The versatility of Savabeel

1200M
I WISH I WIN
TJ Smith Stakes

2400M
MAJOR BEEL
ATC Derby

SAME DAY
SAME TRACK
SAME SIRE
SAME BREEDERS/OWNERS
2 GROUP 1S

**WSNZ
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The 1st of April 2023. What a day. A day that highlighted Savabeel's versatility at its best!

I Wish I Win (Savabeel x Make A Wish) took out the 1400m Group One TJ Smith Stakes, beating Giga Kick, Nature Strip & more. Later that day, Major Beel (Savabeel x Gram) smashed them in the 2400m Group One ATC Derby. A pleasure to have a WS-bred-part-owned son of Savabeel bringing home Gai Waterhouse's first ATC Derby.

What will the 2024 Autumn bring for the great Savabeel and his progeny?

Mazzolino to the WS paddocks



We are delighted to welcome G3-winning **Savabeel** mare **Mazzolino** home to the WS paddocks. Thank you for your huge efforts; we can't wait to meet your Super Seth baby, Mazz. Her dual G1-winning full sister **Atishu** continues to fly the flag while their dam, **Posy**, is in foal to **Ardrossan**.

Happy Birthday Lisa



Waikato Stud's angel. Happy Birthday to you, Lisa. We trust you are celebrating with a champagne up there! We look forward to celebrating the race in your honour on Breeders' Stakes Day on February 24th. Cheers to you, beautiful lady.

Recent WS success on the track

Ocean Park scored at Riccarton. **Mystic Park** (ex **Spirit Of Karlu**) blew the field away and claimed his fourth career win for Michael & Matthew Pitman. Bred by Weowna Park, the in-form galloper was a Karaka buy for his trainers from Kilgravin Lodge. An exciting horse!

Ardrossan had winner at Wanganui. 3YO filly **Sindee** (ex **Music**) stormed home to score back-to-back wins under Craig Grylls for Allan Sharrock. Congrats to her breeder N Bolton and all involved.

It was a **Savabeel** trifecta last weekend!

Provence (ex **Sombreuil**) recorded her second consecutive win as she took out Race 2 at Te Rapa on Saturday for Stephen Marsh with Craig Grylls on board, bred and owned by Tony Rider.

Lady Of Court (ex **Are There Any**) broke her maiden at Riccarton for Mark Walker & Sam Bergerson. Bred and sold by Trelawney Stud, the 3YO filly was a Karaka buy for David Ellis.

Kingfisher (ex **Kaleidoscope**) was tough to the line, bringing up his fourth career win for Wexford Stables. He is bred and owned by Dame Sian Elias and Hugh Fletcher.

Congratulations to all connections. Our Champion sire **Savabeel** is always doing us proud, and we can't wait to see what he continues to bring to the table!

Tomorrow's racing

Ellerslie - R3 1500m - **Savacat** (Savabeel x Donna Catitva) - Graeme & Debbie Rogerson

Ellerslie - R4 1500m - **Aotea Lad** (Savabeel x Corsage) - Te Akau

Ellerslie - R5 1200m - **Foxglove** (Savabeel x Kaleidoscope) - Wexford Stables

Ellerslie - R6 2100m - **Orchestral** (Savabeel x Symphonic) - Roger James & Robert Wellwood

Ellerslie - R7 2400m - **Dionysus** (Ocean Park x La Quinta) - Roger James & Robert Wellwood

Ellerslie - R7 2400m - **Prise De Fer** (Savabeel x Foil) - Te Akau

Flemington - R7 1400m - **Otago** (Ocean Park x Steel Stilettos) - Price Kent Racing

Flemington - R9 1400m - **Savanah Cloud** (Savabeel x Annie Higgins) - Phillip Stokes

LOOK FOR THE WS



Skew Wiff thriving



Skew Wiff (Savabeel x Starvoia) (pictured middle) is loving her life in Australia. A huge thank you to team Te Akau for taking great care of her and getting the most out of this great mare!
We look forward to cheering her on next weekend in the Group One Oakleigh Plate at Caulfield.
Up the Wiff!



Now, I don't want to display my lack of ability to unwind from the daily problems that racing presents, but I have been preparing for the challenge of possibly purchasing a slot in the upcoming NZB Kiwi.

You note I said possibly, I become irritated at the concept of sweepstake racing. Before you start on me, yes I Wish I Win was the beneficiary of a slot holder's need for a runner. The horse running second enabled the slot holder to show a result, but it's tough.

Our slots are to be Auctioned shortly with an apparent reserve of \$450k, the document is confusing, not just me, but it reads as if the full amount is due in May however not so, what is required is the amount bid over the \$450k. So, let's assume there is the level of excitement with slots making \$600k or \$150 over the apparent funding required, 14 by \$ 150k or \$2.1m.

Now where does that go, it could and should add \$700k a year to the race. Remember it's our dosh. The winning stake year one of \$1.2m is unlikely to be won by more than one ownership group over the three years meaning \$600k entry to win \$1.2m plus any tail-end runners in two of the races. Then we have the conundrum of 1500 metres, is this to attract our sprinters to the event, like our Prime Minister will discover the moment you try to be all things to all people you lose credibility.

A number of our visiting buyers expressed the view they came to purchase middle distance performers.

Anyway good on NZTR for having a go, but if to be a sweepstake. put up the lot. The trainers and jockeys are enthusiastic, of course they are, 15% of the \$1.2m, \$180k of our contribution and we could be putting up \$600k to win \$1m, then we may have to find a horse for a negotiated fee, oh dear, better not to work it out.

It is better to stick to the mushroom, you know fed b---t and kept in the dark.

Cheers

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It is your lucky day, a second Garry's corner...

I have said many times, that racing can't alone be valued just by the horses we are involved with. The people across walks of life who unite because of the horse.

I have never intended to identify any for special treatment, but today I might.

1st of May foray at the races was at the Wairarapa Racing Club, what a venue to be initiated at, I reckon I was probably 6, a group of family members under and around the wonderful trees.

My appointment at the holy grail of the Wellington Racing Club came at the age of 10, in those days 12 was the age of entry, dressed in longs, sports coat and tie, I was through the gate some 70 years ago. My father and his mates hadn't passed the then membership stress test but still attended attired in suit and tie. Even then, they had the problem of what if one was accepted earlier than their mates, and more importantly, what about me, however, it's long since changed, in fact, if you scratch around by the main downstairs entry, you should find a brass plaque with my name on it, a long way from the asphalt bank.

It was when I was first elected to the Manawatu Racing Board I came across my subject of the day, the late Herbie Dyke.

Around the bar at the Whanganui Races, he decided to test the intestinal fortitude of the new Manawatu Board member, me!

A big man Herbie I believe, started his career as a produce agent, I won't guarantee the accuracy of these biographical notes, but legend has it a career choice was as a result of the demolition of company cars.

His first dealership was selling those small shitty Singer cars, how he could fit, would have been a challenge. The Ford franchise was his path to success. During his remarkable climb, he had and spent more time than most in the administration of the sport he loved, for nothing, as he still would.

My elevation to Chairman of Manawatu gave me the opportunity to challenge Herbie's chosen candidate for the Board of the NZ Racing Conference. I won.

My first meeting, I thought I would adhere to the principle, say nothing and hear a lot, as fate would have it, the subject of the day involved discussion on stud practices, therefore I had to speak. The first thing I noticed was Herbie's constant clicking of his biro, didn't click for anyone else. Over post-meeting drinks, I was cross-examined as to what I drove. Quite clearly didn't measure up to the Rolls he had just ordered.

Now I don't want you to think there was bad blood, no it was described as the old and the young bull scratching out their patches.

I was privileged to Chair the NZ Racing Board for four years, my strongest supporter was Herbie.

He raced a number of good horses, after not attending the first day at Karaka years ago, he rang, "pick me a yearling, I'll be there tomorrow".

"Herbie I will give you a short list, and you pick your own".

After inspection and vetting, he was happy to buy any of them, his preference being the last of them to be offered. After buying the first two, it became quite apparent the risk of the other being the best in someone else's ownership would be untenable, I went home with \$740k and he went home with three horses.

Now to be fair he came out of them even after a stakes win and sale. The disappointing one was a beautiful filly but was limited to two wins...

"Do you want this filly or not, you can buy her back for \$25k".

"How did you arrive at that value?" Guillovic's valued her.

"What would he know?"

"I'll toss you for it?"

"How does that work?"

"You win she's yours you lose, she's still yours but you pay"

Silence, more silence, next thing... "You won"

The filly was duly delivered.

It wasn't all bad, we passed a colt at Karaka, reserve \$50k.

Dyke, “that colt I’ll toss you for ten”

“Does that mean I’ll get \$60k?”

He won and took huge delight in announcing his win to all in sundry.

Ice Pin won the Group Two Avondale Guineas and \$400k before being sold for \$1m.

It’s great to see the boys continue to remind us of his contribution to racing, he was one of a kind.

Cheers

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