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## Skew Wiff with the G1 goods



WS-bred and raced daughter of **Savabeel**, **Skew Wiff** (ex **Starvoia**), produced a sensational performance in the Group One Tarzino Trophy at Hastings for Te Akau Racing last Saturday.

Thank you Mark, Sam, Opie and the rest of the Te Akau team for the huge effort with Wiffy.

We couldn't be prouder.

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## Another promising Super Seth 2YO

Just what we like to see. 2YO **Super Seth** filly, **Super Rosa** (ex Rosa Vernans) eased down over the line to claim trial success in Heat 1 at Ruakaka this week. While **Miss Seth** (ex **Vickezzcristal**) ran a nice 2nd in Heat 2, both are from Ken Rae's and Crystal Williams' stable. Exciting times ahead.

[Click here for video of Super Rosa.](#)

## Work Experince at WS



### **Introduce yourself and your background...**

Hi, I'm Emily, and I'm a vet student from the UK.

I grew up around horses, even though my family doesn't really have a horsey background (they have transformed into the best Pony Club parents over the years). I've regularly ridden eventers and hunters, but had never been involved with racing until my gap year in 2019/2020 where I decided to come out to NZ.

A racing contact who I knew through the PC kindly got me in touch with Jamie and Chanel Beatson at Ohukia Lodge, and I came out to do the R2R prep and sales for them in 2019/2020. I was really in at the deep end, but I had the best time and absolutely loved working with such incredible athletic horses. The industry had me hooked, and I learnt so much from the Beatson's, so I wanted to keep up with racing while I started vet school. They taught me everything I knew about racing and handling young stock, so I'm super grateful to them.

Since being at uni, I've also found a real interest and enthusiasm for stud work and foals, so I really wanted to build on my experience and come out to NZ again to chase the season (not just because of the Tank smoothies and amazing pies....)

### **Highlights from your work experience at WS?**

This is a hard one, because I've loved my time at WS throughout the 3 weeks. There are the obvious highlights, such as welcoming some beautiful new foals into the world. I always find it pretty special watching them learn to stand, drink, and zoom around the paddock.

I've been pretty lucky with the weather too - the sunny and frosty mornings have been so beautiful. Also, running the mares in at sunset has to be up there with a daily highlight.

Overall, there have been some challenging moments but working with the team to get a contracted foal right or treat a sick mare has been so rewarding. I feel so lucky to work with such knowledgeable and dedicated people who will go above and beyond to make sure the horses are as happy and healthy as possible. Also, the team have always found a way to be positive and crack a smile no matter how knackered we are, the positivity is definitely what I'll remember looking back on the trip.

Meeting Savabeel was also a huge moment for me, after working with so many of his incredible offspring at Ohukia Lodge.

We also of course, had some great social moments such as a mulled wine night at the white horse, and the rugby and racing night in Matamata – I'll be setting my alarm to watch I Wish I Win at home!!!

### **Favourite foal?**

Again, really tough! I just love them all for so many reasons...

Cullemmy's Diamond, Celebrate, and Choux Mania all have a soft spot for me because each of them needed a little help early in life for one reason or another, so we spent a bit of quality time with them, and they all took it like absolute champs and were such bright little colts.

I also loved Maxamara's foal out of Noverre, who was a lovely-looking foal out of a beautiful mare with a nature to match. There were a lot of foals with great quality about them, and I wish I could list them all! ZaZa Gabour was another beautiful Noverre, Corvina with a cracking Super Seth, Candelabra, Façade, so many beautiful foals.

### **What did I think of New Zealand?**

Living and then doing some travelling last time I was in NZ was so special, I fell in love with so many beautiful spots, also can't forget the lifestyle here and the people. I've had the pleasure of meeting such generous people who are up for a good laugh, with awesome can-do attitudes. I'm a huge lover of the outdoors and have really enjoyed revisiting Wairere Falls, Raglan, and Mount Maunganui.

### **Plans after WS?**

After Waikato Stud, I'm off to Waikato Equine Vets to see more of what the veterinary side of life is like in New Zealand, as I'd love to continue my vet work in this country. I'm particularly interested in stud, foal medicine, and racing work - hoping to see a variation of that.

Planning on completing an internship, which would either be in the UK or somewhere like New Zealand or Aus. I'm always keen to keep building on the connections I've made with those abroad, and racing has helped me make some incredible friends in Germany, Ireland, NZ, etc., which of

course, includes those at WS, so watch this space, I'd love to come back!

### **Would you recommend working at Waikato Stud?**

I absolutely loved my time at Waikato Stud, I would 100% recommend it to anyone who wants to learn, meet some awesome people, and build up experience with some incredible horses.

I am hugely grateful to everyone, particularly the awesome foaling girls (Anna, Hazel and the night team), and the vets, who helped me develop my skills. It was amazing to work with such experienced people who could really teach you what they knew, and it gave me the confidence to get stuck in, knowing I was learning from the best. I hadn't done much foaling before being at the stud, and by the end, I felt so much more confident with the daily routine and the foaling process. We had great numbers of foals coming through, so it meant there were so many opportunities for me to be hands-on. They never made me feel like anything was a silly question and were really encouraging throughout.

Waikato Stud has a global reputation for brilliance, and you could really see that when working within the organised teams in such a beautiful setting.

Mark was also incredible in sharing his tips and tricks, and it was great to see experience, particularly with the foals and learn all about the history of the horses and their success.

### **Any advice for someone keen on the thoroughbred industry?**

Don't be intimidated by what you think you don't know, because there is always someone out there who will be willing to teach. Get stuck in, do your best, and ask heaps of questions, and you'll get exactly where you need to be! I've learnt so much in NZ from pushing myself outside my comfort zone, and it's been challenging but so rewarding. I can't thank everyone along the way enough for the amount of support and guidance, as well as laughs, that they've given me. I'm leaving with heaps of enthusiasm and an even greater love of stud work and racing.

## **Noverre continues to produce quality**





We're stoked with this athletic filly by our G1 NZ 2000 Guineas-winning sire, **Noverre**! Out of the G2-placed **O'Reilly** mare, **Za Za Gabor**, she's classy and correct with a powerful hindquarter. She's bred on the same cross that produced eight G1 winners, including **Mo'unga**, **Major Beel** and **Costume**.

## Behind The Stable Doors with George

From his upbringing at WS to the influential people and horses that have helped him along the way, leading him to his current role as Dry Mare Manager at Widden Stud.

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Well, look out, I have just had cataracts removed from both eyes, and replaced by the miracle-sized silicone lens. Two days later and already, I am seeing the world in a different light. To be honest, I had no idea I had a 40% impediment to my vision, I went to the local optometrist seeking a pair of glasses to assist in my driving. This resulted in being sent to a specialist who cheerfully informed me that he would not pass me fit to drive. Wow, what a shock, I knew I was having trouble judging the distance an oncoming car was away when pulling out to pass. For years when stuck behind the car that was stuck behind the truck, I would become frustrated at their inability to pass, allowing me to get in a position to pass myself. Needless to say, recently, I would have been that pain in the —.

It's a shame I never had that clarity over the weekend of sport we have just experienced. The Rugby World Cup, of which we are to see a lot more, possibly without the All Blacks, the Warriors were knocked off, so one more chance, but what about Dokovic, a lot don't like him, but I have always have been a fan. I thought Alcaraz would knock him off, such a talent to watch, but never made the final, Doko at 36 was a masterclass in action.

More importantly, the business of sport is just that, big business, look at the crowd support, let alone the TV coverage which leads me to the Tarzino Group One. What a thrill to see our mare, who has been a challenge to the Te Akau team, full credit to them and the remarkable Opie Bosson, he has developed a special relationship with Skew Wiff and her idiosyncrasies, but where was the crowd? I intended to go, but Mary was not up for travelling, now we have all noticed the positive change with Entain in charge, the field in the Group One would measure up to any equivalent in

Australasia, it deserved an audience. Perhaps we somehow need to get more mainstream TV coverage, of course, I am biased but a field including nine Group One winners is a rare collection of beautiful athletes, what do we need to do?

Anything would be better than four more weeks of the politicking we are now confronted with. The gall of Hipkins labelling a National, Act the coalition of chaos, think of the prospects of Labour, Green, Māori coalition. These stupid debates hinge on who can promise the most for the least. The major parties try to ignore Winston and Shane, but they know as we know they are on the mark with the electorates concerns regarding co-governance and wokedom. The attempted social engineering of the last six years with no mandate is a very disastrous legacy that will take a lot of unravelling, however, no change of governance with a Labour-Green coalition will result in a considerable lift in Australia's population with an abundance of new skills.

Having an enhanced vision is not the reason I can see the future with greater clarity, no nothings changed.

WHEN THE PEOPLE WHO VOTE FOR A LIVING OUTNUMBER THOSE THAT WORK FOR A LIVING, THE RESULT IS INEVITABLE.

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