

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO



SANGSTER DELIVERS IN GR.1 AUCKLAND CUP

Savabeel's Gr.1 Victoria Derby winning son **Sangster** delivered handsomely on his pre-post favouritism in the Gr.1 **Barfoot and Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m)** on Wednesday.

Ridden by Opie Bosson, **Sangster** capitalised on the run of the race in third, peeling out at the top of the straight to slip clear of his rivals for a smart 2.25 length win.

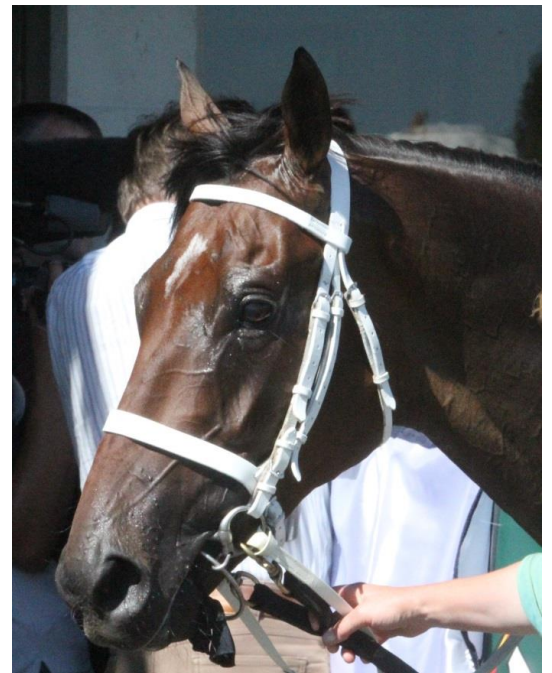
Under the care of Cambridge trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young, **Sangster (NZ)** recaptured winning form when he claimed last month's **Gr.1 Darci Brahma International Stakes (2000m)** at Te Rapa before backing up with the **Gr.2 Avondale Gold Cup (2400m)** success at Ellerslie eight days later to seal \$2 favouritism for the Auckland Cup.

A favourable weight and an inside draw were the only remaining ingredients for Busuttin and Young as they prepared **Sangster** as part of a meticulous recipe for Cup success.

"Barrier draws win races and from the draw we were able to get into the box seat and he was too good for them. It's fantastic," said Busuttin, who as a 12-year-old had led **Castletown** back to scale after that staying great had won the Auckland Cup in 1992 for his father Paddy.

Busuttin said he would love to set **Sangster (NZ)** for this year's **Melbourne Cup (3200m)** at Flemington, but more immediate considerations were the Gr.1 A\$2.25 million **The BMW (2400m)** at Rosehill on April 6 and the Gr.1 S\$3 million **Singapore International Cup (2000m)** at Kranji on May 19.

Bred by Clyde and Pat Buckingham, **Sangster** is raced by Real Estate agent Tommy Heptinstall races in partnership with Martin Bradley, Dave Kneebone, and Kevin O'Brien, Taranaki's Kyle Greenlees, Larry and Travis Stewart and Hong Kong-based Kiwi Matthew Fenwick.



SAVABEEL THE STAR OF AUCKLAND SHOW



Savabeel took top billing at Ellerslie on Wednesday with his progeny showing class and versatility to highlight a premier day.

The WS stallion's homebred daughter **Diademe** returned from a break for major honours in the **Gr.3 Westbury Classic** as a forerunner to **Sangster's** victory in the **Gr.1 Auckland Cup** and in between **Ray's Girl** finished runner-up in the **Gr 3 McKee Family Sunline Vase**.

A \$50,000 Premier Sale yearling in 2010, **Diademe** has now won four of her eight starts for owner Scott Richardson and a trip to Sydney is now under consideration.

Sangster added the **Auckland Cup** to his previous Gr.1 wins in the **VRC Derby** and **Darci Brahma International** and he did so in outstanding fashion.

DIADEME ONE TOUGH COOKIE

A tough front-running performance saw **Diademe (NZ)** (Savabeel) land **Gr.3** success in the **Westbury Classic** at Ellerslie on Wednesday.

Ridden by Opie Bosson, the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained mare crossed the line 1 1/4 lengths clear of class mare **Final Touch** with **Fleur de Lune** taking third prize.

Bred by Waikato Stud, **Diademe (NZ)** completed her first season of racing with three wins and four placing from seven starts and was having her first start this preparation on Wednesday.

She is set to be given her chance at Group One success shortly. Baker has nominated the four-year-old for the Gr.1 Doncaster Mile in April but was cautious about confirming a start in the feature Australian race, just yet.

"She is still in the Doncaster, but she would have to run well in the next couple to think about that," he said.

"The Group One Breeders' Stakes at Te Aroha (April 6th) looks to be a good option for her, she is just a very strong wilful horse and she likes to be there.

"I wouldn't like to be married to her because she is one tough cookie."



Source: NZTM

ROCK 'N' POP STUD FEE ANNOUNCED

This week Waikato Stud announced that **Fastnet Rock's** Gr.1 son **Rock 'n' Pop** is to stand for \$12,000 +GST, LFG in 2013.

"We are confident that at \$12,000 he represents superb value for astute breeders," said Mark.

"There are just three Gr.1 winning sons of Fastnet Rock at stud in Australasia, so we are only too pleased to be able to provide the opportunity to breed to one of these in New Zealand."

"Selecting stallions for Waikato Stud is one of my most important jobs and Rock 'n' Pop certainly fits our strict criteria brilliantly."

"His sensational sire Fastnet Rock continues to headline Australasia's breeding, yearling and racing scene, so when you consider this, his own Gr.1 success, million dollar looks and dual Gr.1 winning Sir Tristram dam Popsy, you really couldn't ask for much more."



GROUP ONE PEDIGREE TO THE FORE

Blueblood **Vogue** will head toward a black-type assignment after further success at Ellerslie on Wednesday. WS's daughter of **O'Reilly** and two-time Group One winner **Glamour Puss** followed up her maiden Pukekohe win with a strong Rating 65 victory to remain unbeaten.

The **Gr.3 Windsor Park Stud Breeders' Stakes** at Te Rapa in late April is the obvious target for the filly.

"I was quite keen to run her in the Mr Tiz today but Opie (Bosson) said she's probably not ready yet - not that she isn't up to it, but she's still green," co-trainer Peter Williams said. *"I do think she'll mould into a really nice miler as a four-year-old and I'm lucky to get a filly with this breeding to train."*

WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY			
NANDOWRA 07g Savabeel x Fabaz	Sgp-3 Polytrack Mile Championship (1600m)	SG	2:20am
ANNABEL ROSE 09f Pins x Carinda	Listed NZB Insurance Stakes (1400m)	Otago	3:17pm
SHAMEXPRESS 09c O'Reilly x Volkrose	Gr.1 Newmarket Hcp (1200m)	VRC	5:15pm
STRIKE THE STARS 08g Savabeel x Ambitious	Gr.3 Liverpool City Cup (1300m)	ATC	5:35pm
SANGSTER 08g Savabeel x Quintaspecial	Gr.1 New Zealand Stakes (2000m)	ARC	5:41pm
SILENT ACHIEVER 08f O'Reilly x Winning Spree	Gr.1 Chipping Norton (1600m)	ATC	6:20pm
EPINGLE 07f Pins x Etoile du Nord	Gr.3 Schweppervescence Trophy (1600m)	VRC	6:40pm
SUNDAY			
PIN ROUGE 05g Pins x Fiaba	Listed Bunbury Stakes (1400m)	Bunbury	9:35pm

WS BRED STAKES WINNERS

This season 7 Stakes Winners ,11 Stakes Wins

HORSE	AGE	SIRE	DAM	STAKES RACE	DATE
DIADEME	08f	Savabeel	Bling	Gr.3 Westbury Classic (1400m)	6 March 2013
HIGH FASHION	09f	O'Reilly	Pin High	Gr.3 Lowland Stakes (2100m)	2 March 2013
HIGH FASHION	09f	O'Reilly	Pin High	Gr.3 Desert Gold 3YOF Stakes (1600m)	26 January 2013
GLAD	08f	Pins	McHappy	Listed WRC Anniversary H (1600m)	19 January 2013
SHANDREAM	07f	Pins	Pyjamas	Listed Counties Bowl (1100m)	25 November 2012
SACRED FALLS	09c	O'Reilly	Iguazu's Girl	Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m)	10 November 2012
RAY'S GIRL	09f	Savabeel	Natural Rhythm	Listed Canterbury Stakes (1600m)	28 October 2012
SACRED FALLS	09c	O'Reilly	Iguazu's Girl	Gr.3 James & Annie Sarten Memorial Stakes (1400m)	22 October 2012
NO EXCUSE MAGGIE	06f	No Excuse Needed	Maggie O'Reilly	Gr.3 Taranaki Breeders' Stakes (1400m)	13 Oct 2012
SACRED FALLS	09c	O'Reilly	Iguazu's Girl	Gr.2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)	6 October 2012
SACRED FALLS	09c	O'Reilly	Iguazu's Girl	Listed Westbury Stud Challenge Stakes (1200m)	15 September 2012

LANDMARK LOWLAND TRIFECTA FOR O'REILLY

The remarkable one-two-three result of last Saturday's **Gr.3 Bruce Perry Bloodstock Lowland Stakes (2100m)** has gifted **O'Reilly** an enviable hand heading into the **Gr.1 Wellfield New Zealand Oaks** on March 16.



In a landmark first, his Kevin Gray-trained 3YO daughter **High Fashion** powered home two win for owners Howard and Pam Forbes, with the sire's fellow progeny **Chandelier** and **Emerald Queen** chasing hard for second and third spot.

Not since **Sobig** in 1974 has one sire had such an impact in the race and even then it was a quinella.

Serving as a useful barometer to the Oaks, the last eight years has seen the Lowland unearth the eventual winner on three occasions - **Midnight Oil**, **Princess Coup** and **Justa Tad**. The record is bolstered further by the 2010 Oaks win by **Keep The Peace**, who finished second in her Lowland precursor.

MARK'S MAIL



Crikey, what a week!

First **O'Reilly** scores a landmark trifecta in the Lowland, then the stud's sires had a superb day of results at Ellerslie on Wednesday, and then the very next day we had a huge response to **Rock 'n' Pop**, following the release of his \$12,000 +GST, LFG service fee in 2013.

If you are keen to see **Rock 'n' Pop**, please don't hesitate to make contact. We look forward to showing him off to you.

Right tip this week...I am going with last start stakes winner **Ric O'Shea**. His win was all class on this occasion so good luck to owner. Breeder Andy Denham.

Tip of the Week: Ric O'Shea – Saturday - Race 8 – Otago – 4:41pm



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