

Weekend @ Waikato

24 March 2017



-BASSETT-
Savabeel's **15th** Stakes Winner this season

IN THIS WEEK'S W@W...

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 15 Stakes Winners for Savabeel
- Saturday Stakes Runners
- Horses to Follow

PEOPLE SPOTLIGHT

- Jim Hepburn
- Emma Haworth

PLUS REGULAR COLUMNS

- Gareth's Pedigree Pointer
- Garry's Corner
- Mark's Mail

STAKES RUNNERS

GROUP ONE SPOTLIGHT

SATURDAY

PRETTY GOOD EXCUSE 10f
No Excuse Needed - Pretty Vegas
Gr.3 South Island Breeders'
S.1600m
Horo, 4:23pm (NZT)

SIERRA BEEL 08f
Savabeel - Rosie
Gr.2 Japan - NZ Trophy 1600m
BOP, 4:41pm (NZT)

BIG DREAMER 11f
No Excuse Needed - War Bride
Gr.2 Japan - NZ Trophy 1600m
BOP, 4:41pm (NZT)

RIGHTEOUS MATE 13G
Savabeel - Mill Duckie
Gr.2 Tulloch Stakes 2000m
ATC, 4:50pm (NZT)

BASSETT 12g
Savabeel - Fledgling
Listed Hareeba Stakes 1200m
MRC, 5:50pm (NZT)

NURSE KITCHEN 13f
Savabeel - Flying Monty
Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes 2000m
VRC, 6:10pm (NZT)



The David Brideoake-trained Savabeel filly Nurse Kitchen will look to emulate what her paternal half-sister Lucia Valentina did, when he heads postward in tomorrow's Gr.1 Vinery Stakes at Rosehill.

Nurse Kitchen won the Group Two Fillies Classic over 1600m at Moonee Valley in October and will be having her first start at the 2000m distance.

"You'd think a Savabeel filly out of a Montjeu mare would relish that sort of trip," Brideoake told the AAP this week.

Nurse Kitchen also holds a nomination for the Australian Oaks (2400m), two weeks after The Vinery.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

LUCIA VALENTINA
Savabeel - Staryn Glenn
2014 **Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes**
2000m





BASSETT BRINGS UP STAKES WINNER # 15 FOR SAVABEEL

On-pace galloper Bassett became Savabeel's 15th stakes winner for th season season at Moonee Valley last Friday.

Bassett, who was purchased at the 2014 Premier Sale for \$60,000, struck what was his first black-type win in the Listed Sweeney Estate Agents Abell Stakes (1200m).

Trained by Mick Price, the 4YO gelding asserted his superiority down the short Moonee Valley straight, drawing away by two and a quarter lengths and stopping the clock at 1:10.65.

The win was Bassett's fourth from 17 career starts and pushed his prize-money earnings to \$299,900

Bred by Qatar Bloodstock, Bassett is out of the stakes-placed Captain Rio mare Fledgling (NZ) – a half-sister to the Group 1 winner and sire Fully Fledged (NZ)

Bassett was offered by Westbury Stud at the 2014 Premier Sale, where former trainer Peter Moody secured him for \$55,000. He now races for a large group of owners, made up of MJ Scheele, VM Stackhouse, S Hillier, Mrs H Hillier, PG Green, AW Bruhn, SW Bruhn, MC Bryant, Mrs CMH Bryant, VYK Ip, JW Daniels, Mrs SM Ridgway, M Maskell, TN Porter and WS Pelchen.



SAVABEEL'S 15 STAKES WINNERS...



KAWI 10g
(Savabeel - Magic Time)
Makfi Challenge S.Gr.1,
Windsor Park P. Gr.1,
Otaki Maori RC WFA S Gr.1



HALL OF FAME 13c
(Savabeel - Around The Clock)
WRC Levin Classic Gr.1,
CJC Canterbury S.



COLDPLAY 12f
(Savabeel - Forty Two Below)
Cal Isuzu S., Gr.2,
Eagle Technology S.



GOLD FEVER 14f
(Savabeel - Gold Rocks)
Matamata Breeders' S.,
Gr.2



NURSE KITCHEN 13f
(Savabeel - Flying Monty)
Moonee Valley Fillies
Classic, Gr.2



LINCOLN BLUE 13c
(Savabeel - Prickle)
Wellington S., Gr.3,
ARC 3YO Salver, L



PUMP UP THE VOLUME
08g
(Savabeel - Nat the Brat)
New Zealand Cup Gr.3,



HASAHALO 14f
(Savabeel - Halloween)
ARC Eclipse S., Gr.3



SAMOVARE 13f
(Savabeel - Sambar)
WATC Champion Fillies
S., Gr.3



NICOLETTA 13f
(Savabeel - Celtic Crown)
WRC Desert Gold S., Gr.3



SPLURGE 12g
(Savabeel - Splashing Out)
ARC Darley P., Gr.3



SAVARIA 11f
(Savabeel - Amatheia)
Wellington Cup, Gr.3



SPIRIT BIRD 12f
(Savabeel - Press Leak)
Newcastle JC Tibbie S.,
Gr.3



BOBO SO CUTE 11g
(Savabeel - Celebes Sea)
Macau Spring Trophy H., L



BASSETT 12g
(Savabeel - Fledgling)
MVRC Abell S. L



PINS

FLAMINGO

3YO filly struck a smart debut win for David & Emma Haworth



SAVABEEL

LOVE AFFAIR

Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman-trained filly took record to two-from-three with slingshot Te Rapa win.



ROCK N POP

POPPIN' BUBBLES

Rock 'n' Pop daughter dished out a smart 3.5 length trial win for Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards



O'REILLY

IRISH MOON

Ken and Bev Kelso-trained 7YO gelding lead them a merry dance for career win number 9 at Te Rapa.



SAVABEEL

TOP OF THE RANGE

Won last night at Pakenham for Mike Moroney at just career start number two.



SAVABEEL

RATTAN

Richard Gibson-trained gelding breaks through for maiden Hong Kong win at start four after placing twice.



SAVABEEL

EMBELLISH

Waikato Stud's most expensive yearling (\$775k) dished out an impressive early 2YO trial win for purchaser David Ellis.



PINS

LAKE COMO

Dished up a third win this season for Pat Hyland at Flemington.



PINS

PINZALOT

Super consistent 4YO took record to 3 wins & 2 placings from 6 starts for Mark Forbes at Te Rapa

THIS WEEK'S

WS FASHIONS IN THE FIELD WINNER...



Emma Haworth

Flamingo's successful trainer Emma Haworth takes out this week's WS Fashions in the Field instalment. Seen here at Waipukurau, Emma nailed her outfit with her 'on point' cap accessorising.

SIXTY SECONDS



**WITH SUCCESSFUL NZ OWNER,
JIM HEPBURN**



OCCUPATION TITLE Resident Contrarian

BEST HORSES INVOLVED WITH? Xtravagant, Hall of Fame, and right now I love Gold Fever's guts! Those Savabeels!

GREATEST THRILL IN RACING? Xtravagant's 2000 Guineas. Hard to top that!

HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN RACING? Bought a Ruling mare from Ron Chitty at Haunui with three mates. She was trained by the grumpy old Master Noel Eales and won 4 races and left some good horses. Later she turned out to be the same family as the Vela Echezeaux dynasty.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO (FOR A CAREER) IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU DO? I have done so many different things there aren't too many left to have a go at.

WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT? Life , observing people and in the past few years, racing especially the trials.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT? Surviving this long to race horses

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CANNOT RESIST? Listening to the characters of the world. Racing has plenty of them!

WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR PERSONAL PHILOSOPHIES? Know yourself

NAME THREE PEOPLE YOU WOULD ENJOY INVITING TO DINNER? Garry Chittick, Jim Bolger & Chris Waller

WHO WAS YOUR NUMBER ONE CHILDHOOD HERO? Scotsmen aren't brought up to do heros!

WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX? Reading always reading

WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE EVER READ? Jacques Monod's "Chance and Necessity"

WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE YOU HAVE TRAVELLED TO? The Sierra Nevada mountains of Northern California

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD? The always gracious welcome from the Chitticks . It is all about the people.

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE? Can't think why anyone would want to but Brando would do I suppose.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE? I never watch movies. Real life is much more interesting

WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU? I qualified as a veterinary surgeon from the Dick Vet , Edinburgh University in the age of the dinosaurs.



Xtravagant



Hall of Fame



Gold Fever



Rock 'N' Pop Momentum Builds



Being a stallion designed to produce 3yo's rather than 2yo's, we are very happy indeed with the building momentum we are seeing from the progeny of Rock 'N' Pop. The filly named Poppin' Bubbles (pictured middle) became the 2nd trial winner for Rock 'N' Pop in the last 6 weeks when she impressively won her 800m heat at Matamata this week by 3.5 lengths. To view a replay of this impressive win, please click the following link:

[Click here to see Rock 'N' Pop's trial winner Poppin' Bubbles.](#)



In terms of trying to identify any early pedigree patterns that may well follow those patterns that have already worked well for Fastnet Rock, and are going to flow on with Rock 'N' Pop himself, each of the trial winners to date carries a proven Fastnet Rock pattern.

Poppin' Bubbles – Her 2nd dam is by a son of Nijinsky II in Dancing Spree. Although Fastnet Rock himself already carries Nijinsky II, he seems to respond particularly well to the addition of another strain. Combining Fastnet Rock anywhere in a pedigree with Nijinsky II on the opposite side is so far producing Gr.1 winners at the rate of a Gr.1 winner for every 79.2 runners. These Gr.1 winners have been Sea Siren, Press Statement, Super Cool, Your Song, Heroic Valour and Rivet.

Rock 'N' Pop's other recent trial winner was an unnamed colt ex Paixanito.

[Click here to see Rock 'N' Pop trial winning colt ex Paixanito](#)



Paixanito is by Zabeel, and Fastnet Rock has already enjoyed a very good affinity with Zabeel. Combining Fastnet Rock and Zabeel anywhere on opposite sides of a pedigree has so far resulted in a Gr.1 winner for every 46.0 runners – with those Gr.1 winners being Atlantic Jewel, Rangipo and Planet Rock. As Rock 'N' Pop is out of a Sir Tristram mare, some breeders have felt cautious about sending mares carrying Zabeel to Rock 'N' Pop. Statistics to date show there is certainly no need for any such concern. For stallions who are themselves out of Sir Tristram mares, they have produced stakes winners when mated with Zabeel mares at a rate 5.7 times as good as when they have been mated with all other mares on average. So, this actually appears to be a very successful pattern indeed, and it has now been supported in these very early stages with the 1st Rock 'N' Pop trial winner being out of a Zabeel mare.

So, as we all start thinking about our mating plans for next season, it would pay to have Rock 'N' Pop very clearly on your radar – and especially if you have a mare carrying either Zabeel or Nijinsky. We are certainly very pleased with the feedback from trainers, as well as this building momentum at the trials, regarding the progeny of Rock 'N' Pop. We look forward very much to seeing them progress to the races in the latter part of this season and the beginning of the next.



CORNER

You know, you never know. My Corner is just that, a collection of thoughts about our beloved sport. So, that's almost the first contradiction in terms, is it a sport, it is for most, the rest of us, not many in the overall scheme of things consider it our business, our means to make a living.

The late Herbie Dyke on more than one occasion said to me only 10 per cent of those racing win, therefore what were the other 90 per cent on about. Well, Herbie, they are about hope. Not the hope of making a living from the horse they race, no the aspiration that their excitement having won that they can continue to participate. That's all most expect, not unreasonable but the resulting deposit in the racing account, net of trainers and jockeys percentages tests their will.

The owners I know, including myself race for more than money, we are part of nearly a cult. A group of people who meet at racecourses, pubs, all over the world. There are very few places in the world that you cannot find someone you know as a result of the horse, hard to put a price on. But our administrators can claim none of this value is as a result of their efforts, I am talking current, it is not their fault, no you can't suddenly become a racing cult member as a result of attaining a position of importance.

The issue is, are we who have this genuine love of our involvement more likely to make the mistakes that those who believe they know what's best for us continue to make. The irony is should we be given the chance and not succeed, no one to blame but ourselves, this isn't the answer, no the answer is a workable mix of both.

My gripe is our legislation provides for a code representative from each code and four independents; we lost a Chairman because under the current act someone had the temerity to challenge not his ability to Govern our Industry but his independence because he raced and bred the odd horse. Where does this leave us? Well, I suppose it is better to have a well-qualified board member who knows zilch about our mix of sport and business than someone who does.

I recently had a board member at Waikato who readily and understandably conceded how difficult it was to grasp the terminology of our complex mix. I think we need to readdress the board structure. John Messara has turned NSW Racing on its head, for the better, \$100k minimums on Saturdays, The Championship, Everest the \$10m challenge... you do all realise he would be disqualified from the Chair of NZ Racing.

Speaks volumes, back to the corner!

GARRY'S

MARK'S MAIL

Thank you for all your kind support following Charlie's arrival.

It was a good reader evaluation and proved reading the Weekend @ Waikato is certainly on people's 'to do' list!

Congrats to Emma and David Haworth, the successful trainers of the WS-raced winner Flamingo (pictured top right) this week. They've had a good opinion of this filly for a while, so it was great to see her come out and frank their opinion on debut like that.

If you haven't seen it, [click here to see Flamingo's smart win.](#)

Beyond this and the trial win by Te Akau's Rock 'N' Pop filly Poppin' Bubbles (pictured at her trial on the right), we were delighted to see the successful trial effort of the well-named 2YO Savabeel colt Embellish this week.

[Click here to see Embellish's trial win.](#)

Embellish, who is out of Bling and is a full-brother to the Gr.1 winner Diademe, was purchased by David Ellis at the 2016 Premier Yearling Sale for \$775,000 - a figure that is the highest price ever paid for a WS yearling (see yearling picture right).

Te Akau Racing's trainers Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards look like they have him absolutely humming (see bottom right picture), so we're very excited to think what may be ahead for the owners of this colt.

Have a great weekend!

Mark

