

Weekend @ Waikato

21 April 2017



-ROCK N POP- Tops Another Sale

IN THIS WEEK'S W@W...

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Rock 'n' Pop Tops Another Sale
- Saturday Stakes Runners
- Horses to Follow

PEOPLE SPOTLIGHT

- Paul Moroney
- Guy Lowry

PLUS REGULAR COLUMNS

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

STAKES RUNNERS

SATURDAY

GRAND SOLEIL 13f
Savabeel - Gretchen
Listed Warstep Stakes 2000m
CJC, 3:07pm (NZT)

SOUND PROPOSITION 11g
Savabeel - Ebony Babe
Gr.2 Easter Stakes 1600m
ARC, 4:31pm (NZT)



LEGLESS VEUVE 13f
Pins - Hyades
Listed Bel Espirit Hcp 1100m
MRC, 5:55pm (NZT)



SAVVY DREAMS 13f
Savabeel - Elusive Dreams
Gr.3 Auraria Stakes 1800m
SAJC, 6:43pm (NZT)

RIVER TREASURE 12g
Savabeel - Dita Von Teese
Listed Macau Guineas 1500m
Macau, 8:20pm (NZT)

SALE SPOTLIGHT



Waikato Stud's \$1 million yearling sale topping Fastnet Rock sire, Rock 'n' Pop topped another Sale today.

Today's honours went to his yearling daughter ex-The Glitter (pictured above and below), who was secured by Beltana Stud's principal Richard Rutherford for \$87,000 at NZB's South Island Sale.

Offered by Ravelston Stud, the filly hails from the Dennis brothers' legendary Southland family, which has produced such luminaries as The Phantom, The Phantom Chance, The Fantasy, The Twinkle and The Jewel.

Standing for \$9000 plus GST, LFG this season, Rock 'n' Pop's progeny sold for up to \$160,000 at this year's NZB Premier Yearling Sale.

The Gr.1 winning Fastnet Rock sire has 11 weanlings on offer at the 2017 NZB National Weanling Sale on May 8th.



Roster 2017



NEW IN 2017

TIVACI High Chaparral - Breccia
BRILLIANT G1 SPRINTER/MILER
STUD FEE TO BE ANNOUNCED

SAVABEEL Zabeel - Savannah Success
AWARD SWEEPING G1 SIRE
\$100,000 +GST LFG

SACRED FALLS O'Reilly - Iguazu's Girl
4X G1 WINNING, DUAL DONCASTER CHAMP
\$30,000 +GST LFG

OCEAN PARK Thorn Park - Sayyida
5X G1 WINNING, COX PLATE HERO
\$30,000 +GST LFG

PINS Snippets - No Finer
INTERNATIONAL G1 SIRE
\$25,000 +GST LFG

ROCK N POP Fastnet Rock - Popsy
FASTNET ROCK'S BEST BRED G1 SIRE SON
\$9,000 +GST LFG

RIOS Hussonet - Gussy Godiva
REGALLY BRED G1 PRODUCER
\$4,000 +GST LFG

Tivaci



PINS

HONEY RIDER

Taupo win sets stage nicely for Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders' Stakes start ahead.



SAVABEEL

EMBELLISH

Class should take him a long way when he debuts at Ellerslie on Saturday.



ROCK N POP

POPPIN' BUBBLES

Keep an eye out for this talented trial winner at Avondale on Tuesday.



SAVABEEL

SOUND PROPOSITION

Aiming for back-to-back black-type wins in the Easter Stakes at Ellerslie tomorrow.



SAVABEEL

SAVVY DREAMS

It's not surprising Hastings trainer Guy Lowry is hoping for a change of luck tomorrow.

Lowry, who co-trains Savabeel's Gr.3 Auraria Stakes fancy Savvy Dreams with Grant Cullen, has previously taken three horses to Australia.

"I took Lilakyn across in 2007 and she was beaten a nose in the Gr.2 Brisbane Cup when the jockey saluted prematurely before the post, in 2013 we went across with Pimms Time for the Gr.1 Doomben Cup and she only finished about mid-field and a year later, we took Irish Fling across and she broke down. So, yeah we're hoping for a change of luck," said Lowry.

According to Lowry, Savvy Dreams has settled in well to her new environment.

"She's the same weight as when she left New Zealand and is thriving over here. She's well and we are pleased with her, so we hope for a good result tomorrow before the Gr.1 Australasian Oaks."

Savvy Dreams heads postward with a record showing one win from five starts, but with two encouraging placings in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks and Gr.3 Lowland Stakes.

Savvy Dreams finished a half-head behind Bonneval in the Gr.3 Lowland Stakes and was then three lengths astern of her in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks. With Bonneval's subsequent runaway win in the Gr.1 Australian Oaks, Savvy Dreams' connections were naturally encouraged to cross the Tasman with their talented filly.

"She's not Bonneval, but she's not that far off her either."



PINS

FLAMINGO

Two-from-two winner could aim for black-type next in the Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders' Stakes at Te Rapa.



SAVABEEL

TOP OF THE RANGE

3YO gelding took record to two wins from three starts in Victoria this week.



SIXTY SECONDS

WITH TIVACI'S SUCCESSFUL YEARLING PURCHASER, PAUL MORONEY



OCCUPATION TITLE	Bloodstock Consultant.
BEST HORSES INVOLVED WITH?	Happyanunoit & Xcellent.
GREATEST THRILL IN RACING?	A dead heat - Tumblin' Down winning the 1989 Great Northern Steeplechase and co-owning 1st & 3rd in the 2000 Melbourne Cup.
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE?	Purchasing 35 individual Gr.1 winners, 114 Stakes Winners, 217 Stakes Performers and 13 individual Classic winners to date.
HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN RACING?	Mum's parents bred 1960 Melbourne Cup winner Hi Jinx, Dad worked part-time for Evergreen Lodge Stud, my uncle Buzz Leggett won the 1965 Great Northern Hurdles/Steeplechase double on Smoke Ring, and a good racehorse Johnny Cash was owner/trained next door to our dairy farm at Walton. Worked weekends and school holidays for champion trainer Dave O'Sullivan from age 11 then became a racing journalist after leaving Matamata College.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO (FOR A CAREER) IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU DO?	Racehorse trainer.
WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?	Yearling selection in particular and the thoroughbred breeding and racing industry in general.
WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT?	Breeding 2003 NZ Derby winner Cut The Cake from mating Icing On The Cake to Yamanin Vital seven years after purchasing both dam and sire on the same day at Karaka Premier - to date the only horse I have ever bred outright.
WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CANNOT RESIST?	Catheryne Bruggeman.
WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR PERSONAL PHILOSOPHIES?	Every stallion has its champion that's often a freak. The day you stop looking for it means you'll never find or own it.
NAME THREE PEOPLE YOU WOULD ENJOY INVITING TO DINNER?	Paul McCartney, Barack Obama and Peter Baker. Everyone knows Peter Baker (just ask him).
WHO WAS YOUR NUMBER ONE CHILDHOOD HERO?	Cassius Clay.
WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX?	I'm relaxed in my work, not much stresses me but an afternoon at a beach if possible is a favourite way to unwind.
WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE EVER READ?	The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay.
WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE YOU HAVE TRAVELLED TO?	The Caribbean aboard Sir Owen Glenn's super yacht Ubiquitous.
FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD?	An unrivalled stallion selection record which will hopefully continue with Tivaci.
WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?	Melissa Moroney's father in "The Happyanunout Story" movie if it's ever made.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE?	Forest Gump.
WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?	I once held the Thames Valley zone secondary school record for 200m.

PEDIGREE POINTERS

WITH GARETH DOWNEY



EXCITING TIMES

It was with great excitement that we cheered on Tivaci as he produced yet another top class performance to win the Gr.1 All Aged Stakes at Randwick on Saturday. This was a continuation of the excellent form he had shown all preparation, with all three prior runs being black book performances. Speaking of exciting times, the last 600m of his first up run when winning the Kensington Stakes was 32.1 seconds – perfect evidence of his speed, and ability to sustain that speed!

We now look forward with great excitement to his arrival here at the Stud, and to having him join our wonderful stallion lineup for the season ahead. The opportunity to breed to such a talented and magnificent looking stallion is obviously generating plenty of excitement amongst broodmare owners as well, as evidenced by the level of enquiry we have already been receiving. For those people keen to look for pedigree patterns that may work successfully with Tivaci, the starting point is to look at what lines have worked best with High Chaparral.

If we look at the broodmare sires that High Chaparral and his sons have already worked well with, as well as the sires that the High Chaparral daughters have worked well with, this can give us an early indicator as to what lines may be good to look for when selecting mares for Tivaci. Because Tivaci is out of a Fastnet Rock mare, I have at this stage excluded from the following list the Danehill-line stallions that have shown up in the research. This leaves the following list as all those stallions that High Chaparral has already combined successfully with. If you have a mare by, or carrying, any of these stallions in her pedigree, I strongly encourage you to consider Tivaci as a stallion option for her this season. Once he is back at the Stud, we would love to host you to come and inspect him. So, please do get in contact to arrange an inspection of Tivaci for yourself – by all accounts, you won't be disappointed!



BROODMARE SIRES THAT HIGH CHAPARRAL IS PROVEN TO WORK WELL WITH...

Acatenango
Affirmed
Anabaa
Ashkalani
Azamour
Belong To Me
Big Shuffle
Bite The Bullet
Bluebird
Caerleon
Cape Cross
Casual Lies
Dalakhani
Distant Relative
Dubawi

Encosta De Lago
Exit To Nowhere
Fabulous Dancer
Fairy King
Fappiano
Fortino II
Gleam Machine
Glenstal
Golan
Grand Lodge
Grand Slam
Green Desert
Grosvenor
High Top
Iffraaj
Inchinor
Invincible Spirit
Johannesburg
Kalaglow

Kaldoun
Kenmare
King's Best
Kingmambo
Kinjite
Lando
Lawman
Lord Ballina
Machiavellian
Monsun
Mujadil
Nashwan
O'Reilly
Oasis Dream
Orpen
Peintre Celebre
Pentire
Personal Escort
Petingo

Pivotal
Rainbow Quest
Red Ransom
Riverman
Salse
Sir Tristram
Star Way
Straight Strike
Stravinsky
Street Cry
Success Express
Surumu
Theatrical
Thorn Park
Thunder Gulch
Tights
Warning
Woodman
Zabeel



CORNER

GARRY'S

I will not need to add a lot to the Waikato Stud news of the week. The dominant win of Tivaci in the prestigious All Aged Stakes was a moment to savour. Our penchant for a sire's ability to quicken could not have been illustrated more clearly. You have heard my views on the ability to source satisfactory sire prospects at a value that enables both Waikato and our clients to breed with confidence and this is the Tivaci result.

However, nothing is ever as simple as it may seem. Mark took the chance that the horse would live up to his reputation and took a position, a brave decision. The horse is a stunner so without the icing on the cake, we were happy to have him on our roster. The weekend's result was no fluke as Tivaci's results were top class, Group One at Weight for Age in Championship week would have probably meant a future in the Hunter, so well done!

We have seen the Easter Yearling results then on into the Broodmare Sale, once again very strong with money from off shore particularly Asia. This is great, reinvestment in broodmares is equally important as stallion purchases. The spread of investors suggests an industry with enthusiasm for the future. This investment enables studs to continue to invest. Imagine, 16,000 mares presented for stud, 12-13,000 foals and yet a borderline shortage of racehorses. We are very lucky they are our nearest neighbours. Their stallion replacements would need and are in the twenties every year, so they should be the attrition rate of stallions is not determined just by mortality but the inevitable failures.

If you assess the current crop of three-year-olds it is difficult to identify a stallion with his first crop that you would return to at this stage out of probably 20; it's a tough game. To be fair with the Australian emphasis on two-year-old performance, you would have the same problem.

So what about us? Well, we have the same issues. In the last three seasons, we have averaged half a dozen new stallions. I can understand why, this year looks a little brighter but is it enough. I suppose if we are mating 5000 mares the numbers are not proportionally that much different but, because of the bigger spread of options, we lose a number of our better mares to Australia.

Good luck to those breeders, as you know we have never considered the world owes us a living, but we could not stand a dual Doncaster winner, two Cox Plate winners, an All Aged Stakes winner, a 2000 Guineas winner without your support, on top of that we can and do support our stallions, taking the major risk with a large number of our own mares.

I was asked in Australia recently how many mares we mated over there. It's pretty simple. If we are mating to unproven sires, they go to the horses we believe will produce our fast classic horse, and who has them...we do. If we are lucky enough to go to proven, 16 stakes winners this season so far

sways us.

Go Figure!

You know in life you never want to take yourself too seriously, a touch of self-deprecating humour helps you through life. People need to check for the Tongue In Cheek before allowing the blood pressure to put ones limited time on earth at risk.

I reckon I am pretty good at giving and handling either option. My observations about how I see racing, however, I do take seriously. Of course I would, I love the game, my family lives on whatever crumbs Waikato Stud can generate from this fragile opportunity, so you can imagine my concern when the opportunity to express thoughts on where we may or may not be going during a question and answer on the Radio Racing programme was nipped in the bud.

I was invited to be part of the pre mid-day Wednesday programme. My invitation was followed up by a prior discussion with the announcer to confirm my previous roles in racing, which are more than most, and the general tenure of the programme. Quite clearly it would not be in Waikato Stud's interest to attempt to convey an end of the industry with a depressing future. Those of you who read my corner would see my attempt to see the positive future we should have, providing we make the most of our opportunity.

My critiques of the management of our industry are never based on guesswork. I would prefer to have no reason to critique, but it is there for all to see. Our embarrassing distribution to the codes resulting in embarrassing stakes level is no secret. Our decline in investment in breeding stock is a direct result of not just money but confidence in the current administration. Whether this is fair or not is for you to judge, nobody but you read Weekend @ Waikato, so my views affect very few.

I will not ask you to traverse the Corners I have published previously. You know why. Well I had delved into information stored in my ageing grey matter, exhausted my intellect in preparation to impart my limited wisdom on the radio, ONLY TO HAVE the pin pulled. I know it was not pulled by the announcer, no I received a call from one Greg Billings, of the TAB to be told something had cropped up? Well, I am not one for conspiracy, so I gave him the benefit of doubt and listened with great interest to the allocated time spot. The announcer did the best he could to fill the vacuum. You be the judge. I would hope I receive a future invitation; however, the announcer believes it is unlikely.

Shouldn't have poked my head out of the Corner!

Garry.



CLICK HERE TO SEE TIVACI'S BRILLIANT GR.1 ALL AGED STAKES WIN

“ HERE'S TIVACI COMING WIDE OUT WITH A BIG RUN.
TIVACI'S GOING AFTER LE ROMAIN.
LE ROMAIN AND TIVACI... AND TIVACI GOT UP TO WIN THE ALL AGED!!!
TIVACI GUNNED DOWN LE ROMAIN.

–Racecaller, Darren Flindell

We're all very proud and satisfied with Tivaci's Gr.1 All Aged Stakes success on Saturday. It's been a huge team effort, and there's many people to thank.

To Mike Moroney, Anthony Feroce and the entire Ballymore Stables team, to Bruce Perry, Paul Moroney, Damien Oliver and of to course, all of those involved in Tivaci's ownership, thank you - what a wonderful experience!

Tivaci now comes home to Waikato Stud. He'll be at the farm in the next week and so and we can't wait!

When he arrives, he joins an unprecedented line-up of stallions who collectively have won ...

- Two Gr.1 Cox Plates
- Two Gr.1 Doncasters
- Two Gr.1 NZ Two Thousand Guineas
- A Gr.1 Spring Champion Stakes
- A Gr.1 Australian Guineas
- A Gr.1 Caulfield Stakes
- A Gr.1 Underwood Stakes
- A Gr.1 New Zealand Stakes
- A Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes; &
- A Gr.1 George Main Stakes

Tivaci fits in perfectly and will be great for New Zealand and Australasia!

TIP OF THE WEEK

SAVVY DREAMS

\$5 NZ TAB Fixed Odds

Gr.3 Auraria Stakes

Morphettville

Saturday, 6:43pm (NZT)

“ Good luck with this filly to Guy & Bridget Lowry and Tony & Vicki Rider.

It was a big run in the NZ Oaks and her trainer tells me she's gone forward since and that they wouldn't be there just for fun.