



WHAT'S THE STORY

b.h. 2012 by Savabeel – Tall Story by Carnegie

“An impressive winner sprinting on his debut, What’s the Story was a fast-finishing second – just a short-head from victory – in the New Zealand Derby (G1). What’s the Story is by Zabeel’s brilliant son, Savabeel, a three-time Champion Sire. His dam is half-sister to multiple grade one winning sprinter/miler Tall Poppy, and is a daughter of grade one winning miler, Fun on the Run.”

As a broad cross, Savabeel has enjoyed only limited success with mares from the Danehill line. He has however, sired three stakes winners, including grade one winner Shillelagh out of mares by **Flying Spur**, and grade one winner Pasadena Girl out of a mare by **Redoute’s Choice**. Sources of **Flying Spur**, include **Magnus**, **Casino Prince** (whose son, **All Too Hard**, might work here), **Jet Spur** and **San Luis**. Sons of **Redoute’s Choice** include **Al Samer** (potentially particularly interesting here), **Beneteau** (who will give inbreeding to Fairy King, along with his brother Sadler’s Wells, and three-quarters brother Nureyev), **Bradbury’s Luck**, **Duelled** (a reverse Northern Dancer/Sir Ivor cross to What’s the Story), **Fast ‘n’ Famous** (a reverse Northern Dancer/Sir Tristram cross to What’s the Story), **God’s Own**, **Lucky Unicorn**, **Nadeem**, **Not A Single Doubt**, **Snitzel** and **Stratum**.

Savabeel has a stakes winner out of a mare by **Viking Ruler** – a Northern Dancer/Sir Tristram cross, the reverse to What’s the Story – which would suggest mares by the similarly-bred **Danske**, **Lucky Owners** and **Darci Brahma**. There is a graded stakes winner out of a mare by **Rock of Gibraltar** (who carries a near three-quarters sister to Riverman, the broodmare sire of Carnegie, himself broodmare sire of What’s the Story). It could also be interesting to try mares by **Keeper**, who is inbred to His Majesty, where the granddam of What’s the Story, grade one winner Fun on the Run has Graustark (brother to His Majesty), and You Host, a three-quarters brother to Flower Bowl, dam of His Majesty and Graustark).

Savabeel has outperformed with Danehill’s sire, **Danzig**, via **Green Desert** – who may work particularly well here – and this includes a grade one winner out of a mare by **Volksraad**, a graded winner out of a mare by **Cape Cross**, and a stakes winner out of a mare by **Desert Sun**. Other sources of this line include **Invincible Spirit** (sire of **I Am Invincible**), **Magic Ring**, **Desert Prince**, **Showcasing** and **Power**.

Given that What’s the Story has both Nureyev and Sadler’s Wells, he should also enjoy crossing with mares descending from **Danzig** through **Perugino** – a close relative to those horses – and his son **Testa Rossa**. It might also be worth considering daughters of the **Danzig** son, **Anabaa** (sire of **Dalghar**), broodmare sire of four Zabeel line stakes winners.

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Savabeel has done extremely well with mares from the **Sadler's Wells** line, getting nine stakes winners, seven graded. Out of a mare by Carnegie, What's the Story is an example of this cross. It could be worth considering cross back over this line, although there is a risk of getting a very staying type. Looking at sons of **Sadler's Wells**, Savabeel has three stakes winners two graded, including grade one winner Lucia Valentina, out of mares by **Montjeu** (sire of **Tavistock** and **Gallant Guru**); he has grade one winner Hall of Fame out of a mare by **Galileo** (sire of **Teofilo**, **New Approach** and **Rip Van Winkle**); and there are also graded stakes winners out of mares by **Entrepreneur** and **Sinsgspiel**. Other sources of **Sadler's Wells** include **High Chaparral** (sire of **So You Think**), **Barathea** (sire of **Tobboug**) and **Scenic** (sire of **Blevic**).

Savabeel is sire of grade one winner Hasahalo out of a mare by **Encosta de Lago**, is by **Fairy King**, a brother to Sadler's Wells, which here gives combination of the brothers Fairy King and Sadler's Wells with their three-quarters brother Nureyev. Sons of **Encosta de Lago** that could be introduced include **Northern Meteor** (who is from the same female line as Fairy King, Sadler's Wells and Nureyev), **Manhattan Rain** and **Delago Brom**. **Fairy King** could also be brought in through **Shinko King** (broodmare sire of a Savabeel stakes winner), which also suggests daughters of **Helissio** and **Falbrav**.

Crossed over back over **Nureyev** line mares, Savabeel has sired grade two winner Gold Fever out of a mare by **Oratorio** (giving inbreeding to Nureyev and Success Express), a son of **Stravinsky**, and a stakes winner out of a mare by **Captain Rio** (by **Pivotal**). It would also be worth considering **Nureyev** through **Peintre Celebre** and **Spinning World** (sire of **Thorn Park**).

The cross of Savabeel with mares by **O'Reilly** (sire of **Alamosa**) has proved to be a prolific one with ten stakes winners, including grade one scorers Embellish, Diademe, Savaria and Costume. There is also a graded stakes winner by Savabeel out of a mare by O'Reilly's sire, **Last Tycoon**. The **Last Tycoon** line could also be brought in through **Marju**, **Written Tycoon** (by **Iglesia**) and **Towkay**.

From the **Storm Cat** branch of **Northern Dancer** Savabeel has a graded stakes winner out of a mare by **Felix the Cat** and a stakes winner out of a mare by **Discreet Cat** (by **Forestry**). There are also Zabeel line stakes winners out of mares by **Hennessy** (sire of **Johannesburg**), **Tale of the Cat** and **Giant's Causeway** (sire of **Shamardal**). Other sources include **Van Nistelrooy** and **Black Minnaloushe**.

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Savabeel has done very well with mares by **Pins**, getting nine stakes winners, four graded, including grade one winners Brambles and Savvy Coup. There is also a graded stakes winner by Savabeel out of a mare by **Snippets**, the sire of Pins. Other sons of **Snippets** include **Snippetson** and **Picknicker**.

Savabeel has two graded stakes winners out of a mare by **Prized**, a son of the **Roberto** stallion, **Kris S.** (also sire of **Brocco**). The Zabeel line has also outperformed opportunity with the **Roberto** line through, **Red Ransom** (sire of **Ekraar**, **Roc de Cambes** – out of a mare by Fairy King – **All American**, **Charge Forward**, **Domesday**, **Duporth**, **Intikhab**, **Red Clubs** and **Sri Pekan**).

Roberto is from the **Hail to Reason** line, and Savabeel also has graded winner Samovare out of a mare by **More Than Ready**, from the sire line of **Hail to Reason** son, **Halo**. This line can also be introduced through **Sebring**, **Perfectly Ready** and **Pluck**. More Than Ready is by **Southern Halo**, who is also sire of **Dubleo** and **Mr. Nancho**.

Savabeel has sired grade one winner Sangster out of a mare by **Spectrum** (sire of **Golan**) and graded winner Adorabeel out of a mare by **Saumarez**, both by **Rainbow Quest**, from only seven starters out of mares from that sire line. This suggests trying mares by **Quest For Fame** (sire of **Viscount** and **Dracula**) and **Bin Ajwaad**.

Savabeel has sired grade one winner Scarlett Lady out of a mare by **Ironclad**, a son of **One Pound Sterling** (also sire of **McGinty**). Savabeel has grade one Soriana out of a mare by **Just a Dancer**, a son of **Star Way**, which would also suggest daughters of **Sky Chase**, **Star Board**, **Filante** (giving inbreeding to Sir Tristram), **Starjo** and **Telesto**.

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