



## *Paco Boy with Mark and Louie.*

### Paco Boy Making Big Early Impression

The international G1 jetsetter **Paco Boy** touched down at Waikato Stud earlier this week and has wasted no time making a big impression.

*“As soon as he walked off the float, we were thrilled,”* explained Waikato Stud’s General Manager, Mark Chittick.

*“First impressions count for a lot and I really couldn’t be happier. Sometimes they arrive looking a little bit worse for wear from traveling, but being the seasoned traveller that he is, he has taken it all in his stride.”*

During his illustrious racing career, **Paco Boy’s** passport included elite level missions to **Great Britain, France, USA, Hong Kong** and the **United Arab Emirates**, and elite **G1** success was recorded in the **Royal Ascot Queen Anne Stakes (1600m)**, the **Longchamp Prix de la Foret (1400m)** and in the **Newbury Lockinge Stakes (1600m)**.

*“He had a freakish turn of foot and when you see how athletic he is in the flesh, you can see why,”* added Mark.

Not surprisingly, Waikato Stud is keen to make the eight time Group winning sire as accessible as possible.

*“We are going to have a parade on Sunday August 21 for him. On this day, people will be able to drop in and see him any time from 10am to 2pm,”* said Mark.

*“For those who can’t make this and who don’t want to see him on their own, he will also be paraded as part of the Waikato Thoroughbred Breeders Association Stallion Parade just under a week later on Saturday August 27 at 1:50pm.”*



## Pins Strikes 1st Stakes Winner for the Season



**Pins** struck his first winner for the 2011/12 season last Sunday.

Just seven days in, son **Our Nautique** picked up stakes win #2 in the **Listed Joseph Grace Handicap (1700m)** at Santa Rosa in California.

Since his 2010 US arrival, the six-year-old has enjoyed a black-type double in the **Gr.3 San Francisco Mile** at Golden Gate and the **Listed Joseph Grace Handicap (1700m)** and of his 12 starts, he has achieved six wins and five placings.

**Our Nautique** is bred and co-owned by Rob Tunnicliffe, who races the horse in partnership with trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.

Prior to his US export, **Our Nautique** raced in New Zealand. Known as **Nautique**, he won two races for Richard and Chris Otto.

## No Excuse Needed Pedigree Primed for Smart Update



**No Excuse Needed's** pedigree could well be in store for some sweet updates this term, should his US 3YO half-brother **Higher Court** (Sharmardal) continue to climb through the grades.

The said Darley bred-and-raced colt impressed onlookers on debut at Keeneland in April, winning by some 6 six lengths.

At start two, he defeated all bar the record breaker **Gantry** at Belmont and on Saturday, he added another tick to his three start resume with a smart front running effort that left the nearest of his Saratoga rivals 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths in his wake.

Prior to taking up stud duties, **No Excuse Needed** was himself a top class racehorse who followed 2YO G3 success with wins at 3 & 4 in the now **G1 Royal Ascot Queen Anne Stakes & G2 Goodwood Celebration Mile** and was twice G1 placed.

## WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

**KATIE LEE** (Pins x Miss Jessie Jay by Spectacular Phantom) – **G3** Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate (1200m) – 2:10pm-Sat  
**DO RA MI** (Savabeel x Aulide by Snippets) – **G3** WW Cockram Stakes (1200m) – MRC - 6:00pm - Sat

## Fact

**O'Reilly – 11 Group One winners, 65.7% winners-to-runners**

## Mark's Mail



There are ten healthy foals on the ground at the farm, so things are well and truly underway now.

Some great racing on this weekend, not the least being the **G3 Foxbridge Plate** which Waikato Stud actually sponsors.

We've sponsored it for the last five years and it's been déjà vu on more than one occasion, thanks to the 'Wanganui Warrior' **Bulginbaah** taking it out three times.

He lines up again tomorrow, so the best of luck to him and the team and to all those with horses racing.

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