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*AMBITIOUS DRAGON – Hong Kong’s ‘Horse of the Year’ is Back!*

## The Dragon Returns

Hong Kong’s ‘Horse of the Year’ **AMBITIOUS DRAGON** returns to the racing fold in the **HK-3 National Day Cup (1400m)** at Sha Tin this Saturday.

The Pat and Jane Lowry-bred **Pins** gelding was a revelation in Hong Kong last term, felling feature wins in the **G1 QEII Cup (2000m)**, the **HK-1 Hong Kong Derby (2000m)** and in the **HK-1 Classic Cup (1800m)**.

This reported longer term goal for the Tony Millard-conditioned 5YO is the **G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup (2000m)** on December 11.

## Fact

**PACO BOY = Awarded a 124 Lb World ranking in 2010 by the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities\***

*\*126Lb So You Think, 125 Lb Goldikova and Zenyatta*

# Foaling of the Week: Tullamore Sister

**Sire** SAVABEEL  
**Dam** TROCAIR (half-sister to **OUR NAUTIQUE**)  
**Damsire** FLYING SPUR  
**DOB** Wednesday, 28 September 2011  
**Sex** Filly  
**Breeder** Christopher Grace.

**Siblings:** The smart bay foal (*pictured right*) is a full sister to the **G2 Brisbane Cup** winner, **TULLAMORE**, who notably lines up in the **G1 Metropolitan Hcp (2400m)** on Saturday.



## WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
<b>ANTONIO LOMBARDO</b> 08c Pins x Petit Verdote by Carnegie	<b>G2</b> Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)	H Bay	6	2:55pm
<b>TAURUS</b> 08c No Excuse Needed x Stars In Her Eyes by Jetball	<b>G2</b> Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)	H Bay	6	2:55pm
<b>FIELD DAZE</b> 08g No Excuse Needed x Montrose by Maroof	<b>G2</b> Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)	H Bay	6	2:55pm
<b>JUST AN EXCUSE</b> 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	<b>G3</b> Traderacks Stakes (1400m)	H Bay	7	3:31pm
<b>LUCHA LIBRE</b> 07f Pins x Libre by Grosvenor	<b>G2</b> Premiere Stakes (1200m)	ATC	4	5:00pm
<b>ZARA DANCER</b> 06c Savabeel x Blanchard by Kaapstad	<b>G3</b> Craven Plate (2000m)	ATC	5	5:40pm
<b>STRIKE THE STARS</b> 08g Savabeel x Ambitious by Last Tycoon	<b>G1</b> Spring Champion Stakes (2000m)	ATC	6	6:20pm
<b>SANGSTER</b> 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	<b>G1</b> Spring Champion Stakes (2000m)	ATC	6	6:20pm
<b>I'M JAKE</b> 05g Pins x Venetian Court by Pompeii Court	<b>Listed</b> RM Ansett Classic (2413m)	MRC	6	6:40pm
<b>DOWAGER QUEEN</b> 08f Savabeel x Dower by Pins	<b>G1</b> Flight Stakes (1600m)	ATC	8	7:40pm
<b>TULLAMORE</b> 06g Savabeel x Trocair by Flying Spur	<b>G1</b> Metropolitan Hcp (2400m)	ATC	9	8:20pm
<b>AMBITIOUS DRAGON</b> Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	<b>HK-3</b> National Day Cup (1400m)	HKJC		
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
<b>WAIKATO</b> 03g Pins x Skywalker Wilkes by Skywalker	<b>Sgp-1</b> Kranji Mile (1600m)	SG	10	10:45pm

# Scarlett Lady to Miss Spring

Top-class **Savabeel** mare **Scarlett Lady** has been ruled out of the rest of the spring carnival with a leg injury.

The highly-fancied Caulfield and Melbourne Cups hope will be now undergo minor surgery and will be spelled before a return for an autumn campaign.

## Run of the Week: Famous By Name

This week's **Run of the Week** goes to the Dean Binaisse-prepared **Fast'N'Famous** galloper **Famous By Name**, who turned in a brilliant performance over 1600m in Victoria last Sunday.

The Deborah Ho-bred 3YO was idling third last at the turn, but when shown the persuader by Luke Currie, found top gear at a great rate of knots. The subsequent call went as follows...

*"Famous By Name is swamping them. He's come from nowhere! Famous By Name's grabbed them. He's got up! Big effort!" exclaimed the Bairnsdale RC commentator.*

*"Famous By Name, never really going to win, but he's got there though... awe he's jumped out of the ground!"*

## Mark's Mail



Another massive weekend of racing ahead for the Boys.

**Pins** and **Savabeel** each have five stakes runners apiece and **No Excuse Needed** isn't far away either with three.

**Tip of the week:** Has to be **Ambitious Dragon** – let's just hope he has more success than what his namesake Waikato Stud Soccer team did when debuting last night.

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