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## *PINS – A Superb Week at the Office*

### **Pins Leading NZ Sire at Ready To Run Sale**



Waikato's nine-time **Gr.1** sire **Pins** emerged as the leading New Zealand Sire by **average** and by **top price** at **New Zealand Bloodstock's Ready To Run Sale of 2YO's** this week.

**Pins'** 2YO progeny averaged \$127,000 – a figure nearly twice that of the Sale's average (\$71,125).

**Lot 185** (see image left) featured foremost of these, with the smart Little Avondale Stud-bred colt from the stakes winning/producing mare, **Laebeel** fetching the sale's 2<sup>nd</sup> highest price.

The Lyndhurst Farm-consignee was secured by Hong Kong trainer David Hall, who trumped all with a knock out bid of **\$390,000**.

Beyond a smart breeze up time of 10.48, **Lot 185** had warranted special consideration of late thanks to his **O'Reilly** half-brother **Collar**, who downed all in the **Listed Doncaster Stakes** at Flemington.

# Dragon Set to Take Flight



What were once known as the 'Trials' to December's **Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Races (CXHKIR)** take place at Sha Tin this Sunday.

Topping the bill of the Hong Kong-based horses competing this weekend is the reigning Horse of the Year, **Ambitious Dragon (Pins)**. Of the triple Gr.1 winner's chances in Sunday's **Gr.2 Cathay Pacific Jockey Club Mile (1600m)**, the **Hong Kong Jockey Club** had this to say:

*Hong Kong's Middle-distance champion made a sensational seasonal return, at a distance well short of his best, when giving weight and a thrashing to a very strong group of sprinters and milers in the HKG3 National Day Cup over 1400m on 1 October.*

*Now, in the G2 Cathay Pacific Jockey Club Mile, he moves up a furlong to the 1600m trip that should suit him even better, en route to another clash with HKG1 Citibank Hong Kong Gold Cup winner, California Memory, in the 2000m G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup itself on 11 December.*

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## Waikato Stud Stat

**Waikato Stud-bred Gr.1 Winners = 25**

## WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
<b>LUENYAT CONFIDENCE</b> 05g No Excuse Needed x Bellesinga by Danasinga	<b>Listed</b> Macau Sand Premier Cup (1300m)	Macau	5	2:05am
<b>SILK PINS</b> 09f Pins x Silk Ending by End Sweep	<b>Listed</b> Murdoch Newell Stakes (1100m)	Counties	3	1:40pm
<b>DATING</b> 07f O'Reilly x Mandate by Sound Reason	<b>Gr.2</b> Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1400m)	Counties	6	3:36pm
<b>MERCURY MISTRESS</b> 06f No Excuse Needed x Flytaine by Centaine	<b>Gr.2</b> Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1400m)	Counties	6	3:36pm
<b>FLORIA</b> 07f Savabeel x Aria by Centaine	<b>Gr.2</b> Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1400m)	Counties	6	3:36pm
<b>UNDISCLOSED</b> 07g Pins x Dare To Win by Centaine	<b>Listed</b> Counties Bowl (1100m)	Counties	9	5:36pm
<b>PADDY O'REILLY</b> 05g O'Reilly x Star of Amarissa by Assert	<b>Listed</b> Ballarat Cup (2200m)	Ballarat	8	6:12pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
<b>AMBITIOUS DRAGON</b> 06g Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	<b>Gr.2</b> Cathay Pacific Jockey Club Mile (1600m)	HKJC	8	9:40pm

# BLACKBOOKER: Hope So



Keep an eye out for a 3YO filly in New Zealand called **Hope So**.

Showing the turn of foot that her father **Fast N Famous** was so renowned for, **Hope So** charged away from the pack on her raceday debut at Waipa last Sunday, streaking home from near last to score by a comfortable 1 ½ length margin.

For those who didn't see the performance, it is well worth logging on to [www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz) to see.

Nominations ahead include the **Gr.1 Telecom New Zealand Derby** on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**BREEDING:** Fast N Famous x Viveasha by Last Tycoon  
**BREEDERS:** Waikato Stud  
**OWNER:** Waikato Stud  
**TRAINER:** Graeme & Debbie Rogerson



# Foal of the Week: O'Reilly – Glamour Puss filly



**Sire:** O'Reilly

**Dam:** Glamour Puss

**Damsire:** Tale of the Cat

**Comment:** This is the 5<sup>th</sup> foal out of **Glamour Puss**, who championed the stud's colours in the **Gr.1 VRC Salinger Stakes** and in the **Gr.1 SAJC Goodwood Hcp**.

**Glamour Puss** has had one foal to race for one winner (Heritage) and will be represented for the very first time at a Yearling Sale with the **Pins** colt that WS offers at Karaka in 2012.

Of her 2011 foal, WS Foaling Manager, Lisa Beattie says:

*"She is a nice sized, well bodied individual just like her Mum,"*

# TIP of the WEEK: DATING



**HORSE:**

**RACE:**

**WS TIPSTER:**

**REASON:**

**BREEDING:**

**BREEDERS:**

**OWNER:**

**TRAINER:**

**JOCKEY**

**BAR/WGT/ODDS**

**DATING**

Race 6, Counties, 3:36pm

Andrew Jackson - aka AJ the Wet Mare man

*"It's a strong field but Dating goes well on the fresh side and she should be paying good odds. If you want to take the shorts, then take the Hong Kong Dragon."*

O'Reilly x Mandate by Sound Reason

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Graeme and Debbie Rogerson

Jonathan Riddell

15, 57kg, TAB Fixed Odds \$8

## Mark's Mail



Was up at **NZB's Ready To Run Sale** this week and I have to say it was extremely encouraging. The main things for me were the increase in average, median and clearance rate and of course, that some of the locals made some money.

The stud was also abuzz this week with the debut win of **Hope So**.

She's nominated for the **NZ Derby** in March, so hopefully she will follow in the footsteps of her half-brother **Lachlan River** (Desert King), who won the **Gr.1 Queensland Derby** before finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the **Melbourne Cup**.

Well named don't you think!?

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