



***SHOPAHOLIC** (centre) pulling out all the stops in the Gr.3 Vanity Stakes*

*Photo: Darryl Sher*

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## Shopaholic Realises Dream

When South Island breeders Grant and Philippa McKenzie decided on a short trip to Melbourne, they never dreamt they would end up on the dais at Flemington.

*“We decided to head to Melbourne to see Rod Stewart and Black Caviar. So I rang good friend Mark Chittick of Waikato Stud to see if he knew how we might go about getting some tickets for Flemington,” said Grant. “Well, he got back to me and said he had jacked up some tickets and that he hoped we would bring him luck, as we would actually be representing Waikato Stud as the owners of Shopaholic (Pins) in the Gr.3 Vanity.”*

Haven placed second in the race with **Do Ra Mi** (Savabeel) and **Be Delicious** (Danasinga); the McKenzie’s delivered this luck in spades for Waikato.

*“It was a great run. She was being hammered from the \$1.40 hotpot Mosheen on one side and from Angel of Mercy on the other, but in that final 100m Shopaholic just bullocked her way through and got up in the very last stride.”*








As the successful owners of the Gr.3 Wakefield Challenge Stakes winner **Zablinka** (Zabeel), **Shopaholic’s** success was far from lost on them.

*“I never dreamt that on our first trip to Flemington, we would see Black Caviar win one of her best and end up on the dais accepting a trophy and sipping champagne in the Presidents Lounge!” said Grant.*



# Pins Fact

## 2011/12 Stakes Winners by Pins = 7

-  **AMBITIOUS DRAGON**
-  **ANTONIO LOMBARDO**
-  **SHOPAHOLIC**
-  **OUR NAUTIQUE**
-  **SOMEPIN ANYPIN**
-  **I'M JAKE**
-  **UNDISCLOSED**

## Achieving Plenty



Kevin Hickman's top-notch **O'Reilly** filly **Silent Achiever** claimed outright favouritism for the **Gr.1 New Zealand Derby** last Saturday with her emphatic win in the **Gr. 2 Avondale Guineas** at Ellerslie.

This season the Roger James-prepared filly has won four of six starts, with feature success including:

-  **Gr.2 Avondale Guineas (2100m)**
-  **Gr.2 Championship Stakes (2100m)**
-  **Gr.3 Waikato Guineas (2000m)**

## WS Stakes Nominations this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
<b>SILK PINS</b> 09f Pins x Silk Ending by End Sweep	Gr.2 Matamata Breeders' Stakes (1200m)	Mata	7	4:26pm
<b>SHOPAHOLIC</b> 08f Pins x Splashing Out by O'Reilly	Gr.2 Angus Armanasco Stakes (1400m)	MRC	4	4:30pm
<b>LADY KIPLING</b> 07f Savabeel x Akela by Al Akbar	Gr.1 WFA Stakes (1600m)	Otaki	8	5:26pm
<b>CAT WOMAN</b> 06f Scaredee Cat x Kara Kum by Desert Sun	Listed Stanley Group Stakes (2000m)	Mata	9	5:45pm
<b>UNDISCLOSED</b> 07g Pins x Dare To Win by Centaine	Listed Stanley Group Stakes (2000m)	Mata	9	5:45pm
<b>TULLAMORE</b> 06g Savabeel x Trocair by Flying Spur	Gr.2 Apollo Stakes (1400m)	ATC	6	6:10pm
<b>LUCHA LIBRA</b> 07f Pins x Libre by Grosvenor	Listed Triscay Stakes (1200m)	ATC	7	6:50pm
<b>ZIPPA THE RIPPA</b> 08f Pins x Pernod by Centaine	Listed Redelva Stakes (1050m)	SAJC	7	7:20pm
<b>ESCADAIRE</b> 03g O'Reilly x Escada by Centaine	Listed Cyril Flower Stakes (1200m)	WATC	7	9:35pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
<b>I'M JAKE</b> 05g Pins x Venetian Court by Pompeii Court	Listed Kilmore Cup (1600m)	Kilmore	7	5:58pm
<b>AMBITIOUS DRAGON</b> 06g Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	HK-1 Citibank Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m)	HK	7	9:05pm

# 7 WS Yearlings for Melbourne

Seven quality WS yearlings are being readied for the **Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale** starting Monday.

WS's class of 2012 comprises:

Lot 30  
B. Colt  
O'Reilly – Lily Potter



Lot 393  
Br. Filly  
Savabeel - Aroon



Lot 133  
B. Filly  
O'Reilly – Pin A Four



Lot 418  
B. Filly  
Pins - Bling



Lot 369  
B. Colt  
Pins - Alexandra Star



Lot 445  
Br. Colt  
O'Reilly - Charlotte'srevenge









Lot 381  
B. Filly  
O'Reilly - And A Curl



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## Notes this Week

-  Do Ra Mi set to reboot her career ([click here for more](#))
-  Successful WS - Danny O'Brien combination continues ([click here for more](#))
-  Black Caviar family strikes again ([click here for more](#))
-  Steps In Time extends blue hen record ([click here for more](#))
-  Savabeel filly strikes early ([click here for more](#))
-  Two maiden winners to watch ([click here for more](#))

# Mark's Mail



A superb day at the office last weekend with Kevin Hickman's **O'Reilly** filly **Silent Achiever** justifying **NZ Derby** favouritism with an easy **Avondale Guineas** win and with our own **Pins** filly **Shopaholic** taking out the **Gr.3 Vanity**.

A big congrats to Danny O'Brien. He not only achieved a landmark black-type mother/daughter double for WS with **Shopaholic's** success, but he brought up his 100<sup>th</sup> winner at Flemington with the effort also.

Thanks also to Grant and Philippa McKenzie, who represented Waikato Stud at Flemington on the day and did a sterling job. Waikato had twice placed second in the race, so if anyone's in need of some good luck charms, these two come highly recommended.

**Shopaholic** backs up this weekend haven pulled up really well. Given that she beat one of the best fillies in Australia last weekend, I can see her going well again.

**Tip of the Week: Shopaholic** – MRC - Race 4 - Gr.2 Angus Armanasco Stakes (1400m) - 4:30 pm.

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