



Pins seeks a 2nd Hong Kong Derby winner Sunday

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Smart Giant Takes Aim at Hong Kong Derby

Smart Giant – the John Moore-trained **Pins** half-brother to triple Gr.1 winner **Daffodil**, takes aim at the prestigious **HK-1 The Mercedes-Benz Hong Kong Derby 2012 (2000m)** this Sunday.

The race was won by fellow **Pins** galloper **Ambitious Dragon** in 2011.

Pins' 2012 contender takes to the start an encouraging record of five wins and four placings from 13 outings and will jump from barrier 11 looking to realise the Derby dream of owner Ming Shui Sum.

HK-1 The Mercedes-Benz Hong Kong Derby 2012 - 9:35pm - Sunday



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WS SIRED DERBY WINNERS OVER LAST YEAR = 4

Silent Achiever (O'Reilly) - **Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m)** (3 March)

Sangster (Savabeel) - **Gr.1 Victoria Derby (2500m)** (29 October)

Shamrock (O'Reilly) - **Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m)** (9 April)

Ambitious Dragon (Pins) - **HK-1 Hong Kong Derby (2000m)** (20 March)

WS Sired Stakes Horses this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race	Time (NZ)
THURSDAY				
GUYNO 03g O'Reilly x River Century by Centaine	Listed Bunbury Cup (2200m)	Bunbury	9	10:00pm
FRIDAY				
SANGSTER 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	Gr.2 Alister Clark Stakes (2040m)	MVRC	6	11:15pm
SATURDAY				
SANTOS 07g No Excuse Needed x Carinda by The Jogger	Listed New Zealand St Leger (2500m)	WRC	5	2:25pm
CHRYSOLITE 07f O'Reilly x Hula Bar by Al Akbar	Listed New Zealand St Leger (2500m)	WRC	5	2:25pm
CONSUMMATE 08f Fast N Famous x Ngaio by Nassipour	Listed New Zealand St Leger (2500m)	WRC	5	2:25pm
THINK MINK 07f Scaredee Cat x Zazu by Rhythm	Listed Aspiration Hcp (1600m)	ATC	1	3:00pm
DATING 07f O'Reilly x Mandate by Sound Reason	Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes (1600m)	WRC	6	3:06pm
NO EXCUSE MAGGIE 06f No Excuse Needed x Maggie O'Reilly by O'Reilly	Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes (1600m)	WRC	6	3:06pm
FLORIA 07f Savabeel x Aria by Centaine	Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes (1600m)	WRC	6	3:06pm
OUTBACK GIRL 07f O'Reilly x Chatwin by Shinko King	Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes (1600m)	WRC	6	3:06pm
O'FILLE 07f O'Reilly x La Fille by Grosvenor	Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes (1600m)	WRC	6	3:06pm
QUINTESSENTIAL 08f Fast N Famous ex Florette by Sword Dance	Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m)	WRC	8	4:26pm
SPLITSECOND 08F Pins x Lowland by Centaine	Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m)	WRC	8	4:26pm
SAVASONG 08f Savabeel x Songfest by Unbridled's Song	Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m)	WRC	8	4:26pm
LADY PLATINUM 08f Savabeel x Two Time Tart by Pompeii Court	Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m)	WRC	8	4:26pm
EIGHT SCHILLINGS 07g O'Reilly x Landon by Shannon	Listed Lightning Hcp (1200m)	WRC	9	5:06pm
STRIKE THE STARS 08g Savabeel x Ambitious by Last Tycoon	Gr.1 Royal Randwick Guineas (1600m)	ATC	6	6:20pm
SAID COM 08g O'Reilly x Centa Belt by Centaine	Gr.1 Royal Randwick Guineas (1600m)	ATC	6	6:20pm
PINS OF DARKNESS 08g Pins x The Big Storm by O'Reilly	Listed JC Roberts Stakes (1800m)	WATC	7	9:42pm
SUNDAY				
SMART GIANT 07g Pins x Spring by O'Reilly	HK-1 The Mercedes-Benz Hong Kong Derby 2012 (2000m)	HKJC	8	9:35pm
HAMMER DOWN O'Reilly x Our Prized Rose by Prized	SG-3 Merlion Trophy (1200m)	SING	10	10:25pm

Sydney Yearlings Strike A Pose

Waikato's Sydney Easter Sale bound yearlings struck a pose for photographer Trish Dunell today.

As you can see below, a lot goes into getting that one perfect shot - not the least of which being the sound of a goat bleating.

All in all, Waikato's smart 2012 Sydney line-up consists of:

-  Lot 5 Savabeel - Viveasha Colt
-  Lot 19 Pins - Zamfir Filly
-  Lot 39 Savabeel - Ambitious Colt
-  Lot 155 Pins - Fiaba Filly
-  Lot 179 Savabeel - Generous Nature Colt
-  Lot 196 Savabeel - Haberdashery Colt
-  Lot 211 O'Reilly - Iguazu's Girl Colt
-  Lot 306 Pins - Oh So Glam Filly



Notes this Week

-  *Sacred Pins Back In Style At Gosford (click here for more)*
-  *Hollywood Breaks Maidens (click here for more)*
-  *Newman Strikes Again With A Home-Bred (click here for more)*
-  *Scarlett Lady Gives Australian Campaign the Gr.1 Nod (click here for more)*

WS Trivia

Who was the last WS-raced winner of the New Zealand Oaks?

To answer, just reply to this email and the best response will receive a WS cap in the mail.

NZ Sire Awards

THE CENTAINE AWARD

	STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
1	Pins	\$7161361
2	O'Reilly	\$4916229
3	Savabeel	\$4858775
4	High Chaparral	\$4182392
5	Zabeel	\$3823197

Criteria: The sire whose NZ-conceived progeny for the season under review has accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide.

THE DEWAR AWARD

	Stallion	NZ\$ Earnings
1	Savabeel	\$3403755
2	Pins	\$3101485
3	Zabeel	\$2754867
4	Pentire	\$2635021
5	O'Reilly	\$2614775

Criteria: The sire whose progeny has accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia and New Zealand for the season under review.

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

	Stallion-	NZ\$ Earnings
1	O'Reilly	\$1,517,756
2	Thorn Park	1,088,925
3	Pins	972,022
4	Pentire	828,768
5	Fastnet Rock	\$803,050

Criteria: The sire whose progeny has accumulated the highest stakes earnings in New Zealand for the season under review.

Statistics courtesy of NZ Thoroughbred Marketing and Arion Pedigrees Ltd

Mark's Mail



There is a staggering amount of WS sired stakes runners to follow this weekend.

I really like the chances of **Splitsecond** (Pins) in the **NZ Oaks** and keep an eye out for another horse we race called **Think Mink** (Scaredee Cat).

Think Mink's trainer John O'Shea says she's had a faultless preparation going in to Saturday's **Listed Aspiration Stakes**. He tells me she's got the right gate and jockey for the job and that all we need now is a little bit of rain to take the fire out of the track.

So there you go, if there is a little rain about, put a coin or two on **Think Mink**...

Tip of the Week: Saturday – **Think Mink** - Race 1 – Listed Aspiration Hcp (1600m)– 3:00pm (NZ)

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