



Savabeel gelding Strike The Stars seeks Derby reward Saturday

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Strike The Stars Shoots for SA Derby

Trainer Anthony Cummings seeks back-to-back wins in the **Gr.1 South Australian Derby (2500m)** with the smart **Savabeel 3YO Strike the Stars** this Saturday

Following in the successful footsteps of stablemate **Shadows in the Sun**, **Strike The Stars** makes his 2012 Derby bid with a **Gr.3** win in the **Gloaming Stakes (1800m)** to his credit and with a bold second to **Mosheen** in the **Gr.1 VRC Australian Guineas (1600m)**.

Success would not only represent a huge result for his owners Anthony Cummings Thoroughbreds Synd & Botsky Synd (Mgr: Neven Botica), but for Tauranga brothers Bill and Jim Gartshore also.

Strike The Stars, who will jump from barrier 3 with Dwayne Dunn in the saddle, is the first horse that they have bred.

Saturday - Race 7 - Gr.1 South Australian Derby (2500m) - 6:05pm

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RECENT WS SIRED DERBY WINNERS

- 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)

Ambitious Dragon Draws Four for BMW



Hong Kong hero **Ambitious Dragon** (Pins) has drawn gate four for the **Gr.1 BMW Champion Mile** at Sha Tin this Sunday.

The reigning Hong Kong '**Horse of the Year**' aims to turn the table on **Gr.1 Dubai Duty Free** nemesis **Cityscape** in the event and will also encounter such talented overseas raiders as **King's Rose**, **African Story** and **Musir**.

Raced by Johnson Lam Pui Hung & Anderson Lam Hin Yue (*pictured left drawing gate four*), **Ambitious Dragon** counts a record of 10 wins from 18 outings. Feature wins for Pat and Jane Lowry's star homebred include:

- **Gr.1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup (2000m)**,
- **HK-1 Hong Kong Derby (2000m)**
- **HK-1 Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m)**
- **HK-1 Stewards' Cup (1600m)**
- **HK-1 Classic Cup (1800m)**
- **HK-3 National Day Cup (1400m)**

Sunday – Race 9 - Gr.1 BMW Champions Mile (1600m) - 8:35pm

WS Sired Stakes Horses this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race	Time (NZ)
FRIDAY				
LEGSMAN 05g Pins x Snobbish by Centaine	Listed Wagga Wagga Cup (2000m)	Murrim.	7	6:15pm
SATURDAY				
GOLD TERROR 09g Scaredee Cat by Donna's Gold by Kingdom Bay	Listed Champagne Stakes (1200m)	CJC	5	2:00pm
PARAKETO 09g Pins x Maureen Terese by Stravinsky	Listed Champagne Stakes (1200m)	CJC	5	2:00pm
FLYING ALIBI 06g No Excuse Needed x Flying Start by O'Reilly	Listed Great Easter Hcp (1400m)	CJC	8	3:46pm
PINZEE 05f Pins x Cheeky Baby by King Delamere	Listed Great Easter Hcp (1400m)	CJC	8	3:46pm
DIPLOMACY 07f No Excuse needed by Gilded Saint by St. Hilarion	Listed Great Easter Hcp (1400m)	CJC	8	3:46pm
PRETTY PINS 08f Pins x Luna Tudor by Military Plume	Listed Gold Coast Bracelet (1800m)	GCTC	6	4:35pm
ZARA DANCER 06g Savabeel x Blanchard by Kaapstad	Listed Rowley Mile Hcp (1600m)	Hawkes.		5:20pm
SACRED PINS 08g Pins x Hideaway by Centaine	Listed Hawkesbury Guineas (1400m)	Hawkes.	7	6:00 pm
STRIKE THE STARS 08g Savabeel x Ambitious by Last Tycoon	Gr.1 South Australian Derby (2500m)	SAJC	7	6:05pm
SUNDAY				
AMBITIOUS DRAGON 06g Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	Gr.1 BMW Champions Mile (1600m)	HKJC	9	8:35pm

WS Trivia

Who was Waikato Stud's very first Gr.1 winner?

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NZ Sire Awards (as at 29 April)

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	\$4,025,890
2	Pins	\$3,681,796
3	Zabeel	\$3,566,906
4	O'Reilly	\$3,342,528
5	Pentire	\$3,210,417

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	1,771,867
2	Thorn Park	1,280,135
3	Pins	1,212,527
4	Pentire	1,025,343
5	Fastnet Rock	844,125

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



One sleep to go... until the Kentucky Derby... Ha!

Its Duck-Hunting season's 'Opening Day' tomorrow, so I'll be a bit distracted, but I can't wait to see what **Strike The Stars** does in the SA Derby.

He's been racing in top company and heads into the race as a deserved leading fancy.

Tip of the Week: Saturday – **Strike The Stars** - Race 7 – **Gr.1 South Australian Derby (2500m)** – 6:05pm (NZ)

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