



Savabeel's Gr.1 Queensland Derby favourite Brambles

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Brambles Seeks Black-Type Hat-Trick in Gr.1 Derby

Savabeel's last start **Gr.3 BRC Grand Prix Stakes (2200m)** winner **Brambles** holds sway as the favourite for Saturday's **Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m)**.

With his earlier victory in the **Gr.3 BRC Rough Habit Plate (2000m)**, NZ TAB has rated the Peter Moody-trained gelding as a strong \$3.60 chance of scoring what would ultimately be a very impressive black-type hat-trick.

According to the TAB, stablemate **Vatuvei** rates as his biggest threat, whilst other leading dangers include **Fast'N'Famous' Gr.1 Queensland Oaks** star **Quintessential** and May's **Gr.1 South Australian Derby** winner **Zabeelionaire**.

Brambles has drawn gate 13 and carries the hopes of owners Oti Uthemeyer Higgins, Maverick Racing, D Minogue, J Neeson, C Sarantakos, Mrs White, Dooner Armidale Racing, R De Zoete-Spiero & The Flo with him.

Bred by Ces Crawshaw, **Brambles** is out of the winning **Pins** mare **Prickle**, hence his name meaning a prickly shrub or bush.

Saturday - Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) - BRC - Race 6 - 5pm

WS Sired Stakes Horses this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race	Time (NZ)
SATURDAY				
BRAMBLES 08g Savabeel x Prickle by Pins	Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m)	BRC	6	5:00
QUINTESSENTIAL 08f Fast'N'Famous x Florette by Sword Dance	Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m)	BRC	6	5:00
SHOPAHOLIC 08f Pins x Splashing Out by O'Reilly	Gr.1 Stradbroke Hcp (1400m)	BRC	7	5:40pm

Quintessential has Breeding of 'Choice' for Derby

Greg Tomlinson's talented **Gr.1 Queensland Oaks** winner **Quintessential** (*pictured*) certainly possesses the breeding of 'Choice' for Saturday's **Queensland Derby**.

The John Sargent-trained filly is by **Fast N Famous** - a speedy son of Champion sire **Redoute's Choice**.

Redoute's Choice has enjoyed tremendous success in the **Queensland Derby**, with three of its last 5 winners carrying his blood:

2011 **SHOOTOFF** - by the Redoute's Choice sire, Duelled.

2010 **DARIANA** - by Redoute's Choice

2007 **EMPIRES CHOICE** - by Redoute's Choice

Quintessential will certainly need this biological predisposition if she is to overcome her extreme outside barrier draw of 18 on Saturday.

If successful, however, the talented Trelawney Stud graduate will represent the third filly behind **Riva San** and **Royal Magic** to score the **Queensland Oaks/Derby** double in the last 20 years.



Shopaholic Draws Out for Gr.1 Stradbroke



Waikato Stud's dual black-type winning **Pins** filly **Shopaholic** has drawn the car park for Saturday's **Gr.1 Stradbroke Hcp** over 1400m at Eagle Farm.

Shopaholic will jump from barrier 18, but if her gutsy win in February's **Gr.3 Vanity Stakes (1410m)** (*pictured*) is anything to go by, she will more than be up for the challenge.

Shopaholic is a 3YO daughter of Waikato's former stakes winner in Australia, **Splashing Out** (O'Reilly), who was also trained by Danny O'Brien.

To date, **Shopaholic** has achieved five wins, with the second of her black-type wins coming a week after the **Vanity** in the **Gr.2 MRC Angus Armanasco (1400m)**.

Cross to Watch: No Excuse Needed (s) x O'Reilly (ds)

NO EXCUSE NEEDED (sire) x O'REILLY (damsire)

73% Winners-to-Runners
 15.4% Stakes Winners-To-Runners
 12.1% Stakes Winners-To-Foals
 4.39 Times the Average Earnings Norm.

Stakes Winners

- **DAFFODIL** (ex Spring) - Triple Gr.1 winner (*pictured*)
- **NO EXCUSE MAGGIE** (ex Maggie O'Reilly)
- **MASQUERADE** (ex Disguised)
- **TAKEANOTHERCHANCE** (ex Eileen Hardy)



Stallion Stats (as at June 3)

THE CENTAINE AWARD

	STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
1	Pins	\$9,318,105
2	O'Reilly	\$7,083,033
3	Savabeel	\$6,740,252
4	Zabeel	\$6,433,991
5	High Chaparral	\$6,218,617

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	Zabeel	\$4,705,056
2	Savabeel	\$4,475,525
3	Pins	\$4,064,384
4	O'Reilly	\$3,614,681
5	Pentire	\$3,371,041

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	1,870,442
2	Thorn Park	1,337,385
3	Pins	1,330,892
4	Pentire	1,060,393
5	Captain Rio	949,725

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

WS Trivia

The Gr.1 Stradbroke adorned the resume of what former WS sire?

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



LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

What is the significance of the Queensland Oaks for Savabeel?

ANSWER:

Notched first G1 winner in the race with Scarlett Lady

Mark's Mail



The whole team was over the moon when the Trelawney Stud-bred galloper **Quintessential** stormed home to give **Fast'N'Famous** his first Gr.1 winner in the **Queensland Oaks** last weekend.

Quintessential not only realised this massive Australian Gr.1 first for herself and her sire, but for owner Greg Tomlinson, purchaser Adrian Clark and trainer John Sargent also.

If this wasn't thrilling enough, the race also saw the Hale family's **O'Reilly** filly **Eliza Blues** career home for second and Gerry Harvey's new **Savabeel** acquisition **Dowager Queen** take 4th.

This weekend we can't wait to see what **Quintessential** and **Brambles** do in the **Gr.1 Queensland Derby** and to see what our own filly **Shopaholic** does in the **Gr.1 Stradbroke**.

With the draws being as they are for **Shopaholic** and **Quintessential**, and with his great lead-in form, I'm leaning towards **Brambles** this week.

Tip of the Week: Saturday - Brambles - BRC - Race 6 - Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) - 5:00pm (NZ)

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