



No Excuse Needed now looking forward to Singapore Derby

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Forgiven has Singapore Derby in his Sights



The **No Excuse Needed** galloper **Forgiven** gave his **Singapore Derby** prospects a significant boost following a thrilling nose victory over 1600m at Singapore last Sunday.

After travelling midfield, the 4YO (*pictured on outside*) unleashed a powerful turn of foot at the 200m to blouse out favourite **Martincho Cat** by the slenderest of margins on the line.

Trainer Laurie Laxon has pencilled in a Derby start for the Perfectum Stable-trained winner (now at his fifth win) in five weeks' time.

"He looked like he had won it right on the line. The Derby is the race I may set him for now. He sure can stay," said Laxon.

Source: Singapore Turf Club

Battle for Dewar Stallion Award Heats Up

With Waikato Stud stallions leading the **NZ General Sires List** (O'Reilly) and the **Centaine Stallion Award** (Pins), a third member of the Matamata stud farms roster is challenging strongly for the **Dewar Stallion Award**.

Seven weeks from the end of the racing season **Zabeel** holds a slender NZ\$177,611 lead over his son **Savabeel**.

Savabeel took the lead in the race for the **Dewar** when his son **Brambles** took out the **Queensland Derby**, but just a few races later **Lights of Heaven** banked nearly \$200,000 for **Zabeel** to regain his lead.

With only a few big money events left until the end of the racing season it may be too hard for **Savabeel** to come back and reclaim the lead, but with only 4 crops racing it has been wonderful achievement.

Source: Arion Pedigrees

Fact

Savabeel 17 - Zabeel 19

Number of stakes winners produced at the equivalent stage of their careers.

Source: Arion Pedigrees

WS Sired Stakes Horse this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race	Time (NZ)
SATURDAY				
ALTONIO 06g Savabeel x Shafty Lady by Last Tycoon	Listed Ipswich Cup (2150m)	Ipswich	6	5:10pm

Gr.1 Plans for Sacred Falls

Cambridge trainer Tony Pike has **Gr.1 2000 Guineas** aspirations for the Waikato Stud homebred **Sacred Falls**, who maintained his unbeaten record with a 3 length win over 1200m at Te Rapa last Saturday.

The **O'Reilly** colt asserted his dominance in the closing stages of the two-year-old sprint to rack up his second win after a winning debut at Ruakaka last month.

"He's always been a nice horse," Pike said afterwards. "He'll go out after this and have three or four weeks in the paddock before he comes back to prepare for the Guineas races in the spring. I'm not sure whether he'll have a run before the Hawke's Bay Guineas or not."

"He's got a lovely low action on him so the better tracks will suit him. He's got an explosive turn of foot and hopefully we can work through those Guineas races. If he can pick up one of those in the spring, he'll have some value at stud."

Sacred Falls is out of the **Redoute's Choice** mare **Iguazu's Girl (NZ)** and is raced by Raffles Farm principal Dato Yap Kim San, best known as the co-owner of Group One Australian Derby winner **Shamrock** (O'Reilly).

Source: Aidan Rodley, Waikato Times

WS Stallion Handler Position



An exciting opportunity to work with our exceptional sire roster has presented itself.

Standing the proven Gr.1 stallions **O'Reilly, Pins, Savabeel, Fast'N'Famous** and **No Excuse Needed**, WS is seeking an equally first class **Stallion Handler**.

The successful applicant will have proven experience with thoroughbred stallions and will possess an enthusiastic 'can do' attitude.

Duties include handling the stallions for breeding, parades and their day-to-day horse husbandry, preparation of mares for service and assistance with general stud jobs as required.

Attractive remuneration package will reflect experience and includes accommodation.

Applications close June 30th.

Please email CV's to Angelique@waikatostud.co.nz.

Stallion Stats (as at June 10)

THE CENTAINE AWARD

	STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
1	Pins	\$9,416,849
2	O'Reilly	\$7,315,073
3	Savabeel	\$7,245,827
4	Zabeel	\$6,826,184
5	High Chaparral	\$6,228,595

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	\$5,046,861
2	Savabeel	\$4,844,315
3	Pins	\$4,143,933
4	O'Reilly	\$3,715,829
5	Pentire	\$3,381,501

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	\$1,894,877
2	Thorn Park	\$1,358,460
3	Pins	1,342,008
4	Pentire	1,064,093
5	Captain Rio	\$959,175

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

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WS Trivia

How many Derbys have been sired by WS stallions over the past 15 months?

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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Mark's Mail



A simply amazing few weeks for the stud.

It's hard enough to sire one **Gr.1** winner, so for **WS** sires to land Gr.1 quinellas two weekends in a row courtesy of **Quintessential** (Fast'N'Famous) and **Eliza Blues** (O'Reilly) in the **Queensland Oaks** and **Brambles** (Savabeel) and **Quintessential** (Fast'N'Famous) in the **Queensland Derby**, it really is a massive achievement.

Congrats to sister Ces who bred the **Queensland Derby** winner **Brambles**, and to connections Peter Moody, O T I Uthmeyer, Maverick Racing, Daniel Minogue, Tony Neeson, Chris Sarantakos, Beverley White, Dooner Armidale Racing, Rudi De Zoete Spiero and The Flo.

Tip of the Week: Saturday – Think Mink - ATC - Race 3 – Freshworld H - 2:35pm (NZ)

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