



Sleeping Beauty - Doting Mum

Daffodil with her Pins filly born Wednesday.

Spring Has Sprung

Spring well and truly sprung at the farm yesterday.

September 1st is the first day of the breeding season and 'the Boys' were only too happy to get their 2011 commitments underway.

Off to a flyer, the stallions covered eight mares by day end.



Daffodil Produces First Foal



Waikato Stud's triple G1 winning racemare **Daffodil** produced her first foal on Wednesday.

After a copybook delivery, the Kevin Gray-trained Australian Oaks winner produced a beautiful chestnut filly by the Champion Hong Kong sire, **Pins**.

"She's a nice leggy, attractive filly," said Mark.

"We are very happy to get a filly."

The eye-catching foal has some big shoes to fill.

Her successful **No Excuse Needed** dam **Daffodil** was the **Champion New Zealand 3YO** of 2008/2009 with elite level wins coming in the **Gr.1 AJC Australian Oaks** and in the **Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas**.

At four, she returned to garner further G1 reward, this time by way of the **Hawke's Bay Windsor Park Challenge Plate**.

Daffodil, who is proving to be a wonderful mum, will either visit **Pins** or **Savabeel** this season.

Fact

FAST'N'FAMOUS – Averaged 3.6 times his Service Fee at 2011 Australasian Majors

Golden Archer Gifts Pins G3 Damsire Success

Kevin and Julie Taylor's star homebred 3YO **Golden Archer** credited **Pins** with **G3** success as a damsire last weekend.

The Peter Moody-conditioned galloper made every post a winner in the **HDF McNeil Stakes (1200m)** at Caulfield, adding the 1 ¼ length **G3** win to an impressive race record that already includes three **Listed** victories.

The 6-from-9 win galloper is out of the talented **Pins** mare **Viennetta**, who herself carved out a fine five strong win career including **G2** success in the **ARC Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes** and a **G1** placing in the **NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes**.

To date, **Pins** has achieved a damsire stakes winners-to-runners ratio of **7.1%**.

His leading descendants here being Saturday's **Listed Fordell O'Leary's Stakes (1200m)** chance **Dowager Queen** and the aforementioned **G1 Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes** bound gelding, **Golden Archer**.

WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
DOWAGER QUEEN 08f Savabeel x Dower by Pins	Listed Fordell O'Leary's Stakes (1200m)	Wang	6	2:31pm Sat
MINDY 08f O'Reilly x Pure Intrigue by Straight Strike	Listed Fordell O'Leary's Stakes (1200m)	Wang	6	2:31pm Sat
SNOW EXCUSE 08g No Excuse Needed x Kirkberg by Mighty Avalanche	Listed Wanganui Guineas (1340m)	Wang	8	3:46pm Sat
TAURUS 08c No Excuse Needed by Stars In Her Eyes by Jetball	Listed Wanganui Guineas (1340m)	Wang	8	3:46pm Sat
PADDY O'REILLY 05g O'Reilly x Star of Amarissa by Assert	Listed Sofitel Hcp (1400m)	VRC	3	4:00pm Sat
DO RA MI 07f Savabeel x Aulide by Snippets	G2 Let's Elope Stakes (1400m)	VRC	5	5:20pm Sat
ZARA DANCER 06c Savabeel x Blanchard by Kaapstad	G2 Chelmsford Stakes (1600m)	NSW	6	5:40pm Sat
STRIKE THE STARS 08g Savabeel x Ambitious by Last Tycoon	G2 Chelmsford Stakes (1600m)	NSW	6	5:40pm Sat
ASPINAL 06f Pins x Clermont Rose by Sound Reason	Listed Mona Lisa Stakes (1650m)	Wyong	6	5:55pm, Sa
MASTER O'REILLY 02g O'Reilly x Without Remorse by Bakharoff	G2 Makybe Diva Stakes (1600m)	VRC	6	6:00pm Sat
STRIKE THE STARS 08g Savabeel x Ambitious by Last Tycoon	Listed Ming Dynasty Hcp (1400m)	NSW	7	6:20pm Sat
SANGSTER 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	Listed Ming Dynasty Hcp (1400m)	NSW	7	6:20pm Sat
TULLAMORE 06g Savabeel x Trocair by Zabeel	G3 Tramway Hcp (1400m)	NSW	8	7:00pm Sat
WAIKATO 03g Pins x Skywalker Wilkes by Skywalker	Sgp-3 Jumbo Jet Trophy	SING	9	9:30pm Sun

Notes this Week

- *O'Reilly Warhorse Master O'Reilly Back from Retirement for G2 Makybe Diva Stakes (click here for more)*
- *G1 2000 Guineas for No Excuse Needed Colt, Commett (click here for more)*
- *Waterhouse Upbeat About Spring with Savabeel Stayer, Tullamore (click here for more)*
- *No Excuse Needed Mounts Two Pronged Attack on Guineas (click here for more)*
- *Pins Mare Shandream Masters Metric Mile (click here for more)*

Mark's Mail



Such an exciting time of year!

28 foals on the ground, the stallions back in action and just have a look at all their stakes runners going around this weekend!

Have to say, one of the absolute highlights this week was Daffy having her foal. She's done a great job and is really taking to her new role as Mum.

Right-oh tip of the week: **Do Ra Mi** in the 5th at Flemington. With a better opportunity, I think she can turn the tables.

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