



Dubai Gr.1 hope Ambitious Dragon

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Dragon Draws Four for Dubai

Pins' Hong Kong champion **Ambitious Dragon** has drawn barrier four for the **US\$5 mil Gr.1 Dubai Duty Free Stakes (1800m)** in Dubai this Saturday (*Sunday morning 5:25am NZ time*).

With two last start wins at HK-1 level, the invariably composed 5YO enters in superb form for owners Johnson and Anderson Lam. In fact, with a rating of 122, he is the highest rated contender of the 16-horse field.

According to the Hong Kong Jockey Club yesterday, the Tony Millard-trained gelding has pleased in his immediate pre-race build up.

The trainer's wife Beverly Millard was in the saddle again yesterday and had this to say:

"We're happy with him, he is in an established routine," she said.

"He had the hood on this morning because we wanted him to go a little bit faster and as a result he had a stronger canter this morning."

Gr.1 Dubai Duty Free Stakes (1800m) – Sunday 5:25am (NZ time)



Fact

WS-Sired horses represent 22.2% of the Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas field

WS Sired Stakes Horses this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race	Time (NZ)
SATURDAY				
SPEEDY CAT 08g Scaredee Cat x Lane Cove by Magic of Sydney	Gr.3 Singapore 3YO Sprint (1200m)	Sing	8	2:50am
SPLITSECOND 08f Pins x Lowland by Centaine	Gr.3 Manawatu Classic (2000m)	Mana	5	2:40pm
GLAD 08f Pins x McHappy by Rory's Jester	Gr.3 Manawatu Classic (2000m)	Mana	5	2:40pm
SLOSHED 08f No Excuse Needed x Martini by Centaine	Gr.3 Manawatu Classic (2000m)	Mana	5	2:40pm
SACRED PINS 08g Pins x Hideaway by Centaine	Listed Darby Munro Stakes (1200m)	ATC	3	3:30pm
SORIANO 09f Savabeel x Call Me Lily by Just A Dancer	Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m)	Mana	7	3:56pm
JUSTANEXCUSE 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	Listed Flying Hcp (1400m)	Mana	8	4:36pm
EIGHT SCHILLINGS 07g O'Reilly x Landon by Shannon	Listed Flying Hcp (1400m)	Mana	8	4:36pm
ANTONIO LOMBARDO 08c Pins x Petit Verdot by Carnegie	Listed Flying Hcp (1400m)	Mana	8	4:36pm
SKITTLE 07f Pins x Rapid Kay by Towkay	Listed Flying Hcp (1400m)	Mana	8	4:36pm
SHARP PRINCESS 05f Pins x She's Snubbed by O'Reilly	Gr.3 Epona Stakes (1900m)	ATC	5	4:50pm
UNDISCLOSED 07g Pins x Dare To Win by Centaine	Gr.2 Awapuni Gold Cup	Mana	9	5:16pm
SANGSTER 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m)	ATC	7	6:10pm
STRIKE THE STARS 08g Savabeel x Ambitious Last Tycoon	Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m)	ATC	7	6:10pm
SAID COM 08g O'Reilly x Centa Belt by Centaine	Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m)	ATC	7	6:10pm
SILENT ACHIEVER 08f O'Reilly x Winning Spree by Zabeel	Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m)	ATC	7	6:10pm
CLASSIQUE IVORY 08c Savabeel x Seniorita Ivory by Senior Pete	Listed Melvista Stakes (2200m)	WATC	7	9:35pm
SUNDAY				
AMBITIOUS DRAGON 06g Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	Gr.1 Dubai Duty Free Stakes (1800m)	Dubai	7	5:25am

Blackbooker Smokes'em

Great to see one of our earlier blackbookers **Gunsmoke** do the business at Te Rapa this week.

Trained by Jason Bridgman, **Gunsmoke** drove clear to take the 1400m contest, winning from WS-bred **Pins** filly **Pinzaara** by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.

The striking 4YO gelding is raced by the Te Akau Gunsmoke Syndicate (Mgr D C Ellis), which includes the Highlanders Coach Jamie Joseph, and has now returned two wins at **1200m** and **1400m** for the team.

Gunsmoke is by **O'Reilly** and descends from the great Dennis family being out of the **Personal Escort** mare, **The Gem**.



Sydney Yearlings

Six quality WS yearlings are about to board the plane for the **Australian Easter Yearling** starting April 10.

WS's Sydney-bound class of 2012 comprises:

Lot 5
B./Br Colt
Savabeel – Viveasha



Lot 155
Br. Filly
Pins - Fiaba



Lot 19
B. Filly
Pins – Zamfir



Lot 196
Br. Colt
Savabeel -
Haberdashery



Lot 39
B. Colt
Savabeel - Ambitious










Lot 306
B. Filly
Pins - Oh So Glam



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Notes this Week

-  Waikato duo to contest Manawatu Classic ([click here for more](#))
-  Tossed Again impresses at first time of asking ([click here for more](#))
-  Villifye brings up O'Reilly's 8th Stakes Winner this term ([click here for more](#))
-  Double delight at Waipukurau ([click here for more](#))
-  O'Reilly mare trumps Group Two rivals ([click here for more](#))
-  Fast N Famous gelding glides to impressive Hong Kong debut ([click here for more](#))
-  Stradbroke on Shopaholic's list ([click here for more](#))

WS Trivia



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: *Vision And Power.*

Chief is now retirement at Meredith Park and is seen here working under saddle for Sue Woodcock. He is currently enjoying his role as 'nanny' but may be seen barrel racing in the future.

This Week's Question:

Who was the last WS Bred winner of the Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas?

Mark's Mail



A massive achievement for the stallions this weekend. **Pins** has a runner in the **Gr.1 Dubai Duty Free Stakes** and **O'Reilly** and **Savabeel** each count two runners in the **Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas**.

I'm running with **Silent Achiever** and **Strike the Stars** to quinella the **Rosehill Guineas** Saturday.

The omens are good heading into it. We had **Strike the Stars'** major owner Neven Botica over from Perth this week and we had his breeders the Gartshore boys here yesterday also.

Tip of the Week: Saturday – SILENT ACHIEVER & STRIKE THE STARS boxed quinella - Race 7 –ATC- Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m) – 6:10pm (NZ).

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