

What Weekend!



Pins 8YO Aerovelocity tenaciously winning his second G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint

AEROVELOCITY
(Pins)
wins G1 Longines
Hong Kong Sprint

COLDPLAY
(Savabeel)
wins G2 Cal Isuzu
Stakes

LINCOLN BLUE
(Savabeel)
wins Listed 3YO
Salver

PLUS WS WINNERS
Movie (Savabeel)
Hurry (Savabeel)
Date Night (Savabeel)



Stunning Weekend for WS

Aerovelocity capped an extraordinary run of results for Waikato Stud when he turned back the clock for a second success in the Gr.1 Hong Kong Sprint. The best son of the Matamata farm's resident stallion Pins, the eight-year-old repeated his international victory of 2014 with a tenacious performance for expatriate Kiwi trainer Paul O'Sullivan at Sha Tin on Sunday.

"He's an unbelievable horse and great for Paul," stud principal Mark Chittick said. "He's such a tough sprinter to be still competing and winning at that level. "It was a fantastic result for Pins and Windsor Park Stud's Nelson Schick and Steve Till, who bred him, and for New Zealand."

The success crowned a highly satisfying week for Waikato Stud, whose colours were carried to victory on Saturday by Craig Grylls aboard Coldplay in the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes and on Hurry at Ellerslie on Sunday. "We also won races last week with Date Night at Ellerslie and with Movie at Moonee Valley on Friday night," Chittick said. "It's been exciting and very timely with the sales coming up at Karaka. "With the so-called spring we had, all the good horses and good stables have been a month behind and they're all getting going now."

Date Night, Movie and Hurry are all by the stud's champion stallion Savabeel, whose son and farm graduate Lincoln Blue pressed his Gr.1 Vodafone NZ Derby claims with victory in Sunday's Listed Life 3YO Salver at Ellerslie. Yet another Savabeel home-bred Sacred Shot also won there after placings at his only two previous appearances.

The Gr.1 Cox Plate-winning son of the legendary Zabeel is also the sire of Coldplay, whose immediate future is still being mulled over. She is trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman for Chittick's father Garry and breeder and long-time friend Gary Wallace. "There's the Zabeel Classic, but they are weighing up whether to send her over 2000 metres just yet," Chittick said. "There's also the Thorndon Mile and Sydney a bit later on. The only thing she's missing now is a Group One."

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PINS' SON AEROVELOCITY SOARS TO SECOND G1 HONG KONG SPRINT WIN

By Andrew Hawkins, HKJC



Pins son Aerovelocity has long been one of Hong Kong's most beloved warriors and the eight-year-old achieved one of the more extraordinary wins of his storied career as he tenaciously held off Lucky Bubbles to score his second HK\$18.5m LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint victory at Sha Tin yesterday.

No horse older than six had won the Sprint since its inception in 1999 and trainer Paul O'Sullivan had acknowledged throughout the build-up to this year's edition that he was worried Father Time had caught up with Aerovelocity (Zac Purton). He need not have feared – the bay called on his famed stores of courage and heart to hold out Hong Kong's emerging star in Lucky Bubbles (Brett Prebble).

In the process, Aerovelocity made it three wins from three appearances on international day, having won the Class 3 1200m race on the card in 2013 before taking his first Sprint a year later.

The win was greeted by loud cheers from the parochial crowd trackside, as owner Daniel Yeung led a large group waving pink flags and brandishing Aerovelocity plushies. And Purton admitted that despite the horse having achieved so much in his 24 career starts, this win might just have been the most gratifying of them all.

"Out of all his wins, I think this is the most satisfying one because we've had some troubles with him," Purton said. "He has had some problems, he's older now and Paul had to pull everything out of his trick bag to get him in the condition he is today. I'm just the lucky one to be piloting him.

"It's a good feeling because we were of the opinion that we were starting to lose him. And we know he's a warrior and he gives everything he's got and although he didn't perform at his best today, his heart is so big that he was able to give us that effort."

O'Sullivan had been hopeful rather than confident in the lead-up to the race.

"I certainly expected him to be competitive, it was just a matter of whether time had caught up with him," he said. "He'd had probably the best preparation that he'd had going into an international, but he had indicated that he was getting a little bit older – he was taking a little bit longer to come to hand. I thought he'd get some prize money for sure, but to win it is just fantastic.

"I'd say he's the bravest horse I've ever put a saddle on. Today, he's been a marvel, an absolute marvel."

O'Sullivan said that a return to Japan could be on the cards in March, while he wouldn't rule out Aerovelocity attempting to make history as the first horse to win three Hong Kong Sprints next December.

"He'll go through the motions now," he said. "Centenary Sprint Cup next, and maybe he'll go back to Japan, try for two Takamatsunomiya Kinens now. I don't think he'll go to Dubai. The Japanese, as wonderful as their horses are, their sprinters are their Achilles heel."

AEROVELOCITY

BREEDING	Pins - Exodus (Kaaestad)
BREEDER	Steve Till & Nelson Schick
SALE	2010 Premier Yearling Sale; Vendor Windsor Park Stud; Price \$120,000; Purchaser Paul O'Sullivan
TRAINER	Paul O'Sullivan
OWNER	Daniel Yeung
RECORD	Champion Sprinter in Hong Kong in 2014-15. 12 wins at 1200m, 1300m, to 2016-17 in NZ, Singapore, HK and Japan, Longines Hong Kong Sprint, Gr.1 -twice, Chukyo Takamatsunomiya Kinen, Gr.1, Singapore TC Krisflyer International Sprint, Gr.1, HKJC Centenary Sprint Cup, HK-1, Premier Bowl H., HK-2, Sha Tin Vase, HK-3
EARNINGS	NZ\$7,828,538



COLDPLAY

WS's Coldplay hasn't missed a beat this season and she's now in line to show she belongs on the Group One stage. The last-start Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes winner added the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes at Te Rapa to her record on Saturday and 12 months to the day that she had claimed the Gr.3 Eulogy Stakes.

"She's a typical Savabeel who has come of age as a four-year-old," said Andrew Forsman, who prepares the mare with Murray Baker. "What she did as a three-year-old last season was on raw ability alone. She's much stronger and mature now."

Given a cosy run behind the pace by Craig Grylls, Coldplay was angled into the clear in the straight and she proved too strong in the closing 100 metres. Her next assignment has yet to be confirmed, but it's a fair bet that it will be a Group One challenge.

"That's all that is missing for her," Forsman said. "It's just a matter of finding the right one. It could be the Zabeel Classic to see whether she runs 2000 metres and then maybe freshen her up for the Thorndon."

Coldplay is out of the O'Reilly mare Forty Two Below, who is a sister to the Australian stakes winner The Big Chill. WS will offer Codplay's sister (Lot 170) during the Premier session at Karaka next year.



LINCOLN BLUE

A successful reconnaissance mission completed at Ellerslie on Sunday should see Awapuni visitor Lincoln Blue return to the venue for a tilt at the \$1m Gr. 1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) in March.

The Lisa Latta trained Savabeel colt had impressed many with his comprehensive victory in last month's Gr. 3 Wellington Stakes (1600m) at Otaki. That impression was only deepened as he stepped up to the 2100 metre distance of Ellerslie's Listed Race 4 Life 3YO Salver and once again dominated his opposition.

"We've got him nominated for the Derby so we had to bring him up and try him out," explained owner John Street after the race.

"He's beautifully bred by Savabeel from a Pins mare who has already produced a stakes winning full brother. It's a pedigree that we know works so now we just want him to see the Derby distance out."

Lincoln Blue is the younger brother of multiple stakes winner Brambles who took out the Queensland three-year-old Triple Crown in 2012 with victories in the Gr.3 Rough Habit Stakes, Gr. 3 Grand Prix Stakes and Gr. 1 Queensland Derby.

An opportunity to buy into the family will be available late next month when Waikato Stud offer a full brother to Lincoln Blue as Lot 349 during the Premier session of the annual New Zealand Bloodstock Yearling Sale Series at Karaka. – NZ Racing Desk

INTER-STATE DOUBLE

WS graduates flexed their muscles in Australia over the week-end with a winning inter-state double.

In Sydney, the Bjorn Baker-trained Bonny O'Reilly was successful at Canterbury while in Melbourne it was Movie who took centre stage at Moonee Valley.

Bonny O'Reilly has made a terrific start to her career and the lightly-race four-year-old has now won three of her five starts. A \$100,000 Karaka yearling, she is out of the Pins mare Pretty who is a half-sister to the stud's multiple Group One winners Glamour Puss and Vision And Power.

Movie is a four-year-old daughter of Savabeel and the Group Three winning Pins mare Tootise. Raced by WS, she has won three of her 13 starts from the stable of David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig.

DATE NIGHT

Date Night is in the right form to add further black type credits to her family's roll of honour. She was an impressive maiden winner at Ellerslie this weekend.

"I wanted to get her out of maidens and she did it very well," said Debbie Rogerson, who trains with her husband Graeme. "That will give her confidence and she can go on to better things, Listed and Group races."

Bred and raced by WS, she is a daughter of the O'Reilly mare Dating who was the dual Group Three winner of the Desert Gold Stakes and the Taranaki Breeders' Stakes. Date Night's brother (Lot 122) will be offered by the farm during the Premier session at Karaka in 2017.



Waikato Stud

NZB Premier Draft

55 Yearlings

30 & 31 January 2017

WAIKATO STUD'S 2017 YEARLING DRAFT.

Befitting of the stud's 50th anniversary, the stud will be offering its largest ever Karaka consignment, comprising 91 quality yearlings.

Whilst dominated by the progeny of champion sire Savabeel, it is also significantly characterised by the final crop progeny of the stud's magnificent former sire, O'Reilly.



Waikato Stud

NZB Select Draft

36 Yearlings

1-3 February 2017

LOT	SIRE	DAM	COL.	SEX
2	Rock 'n' Pop	Vanilla Sky	BG	C
6	Savabeel	Villifye	B	F
7	Savabeel	Virginia	BR	F
30	Savabeel	Ahna	B	F
40	Savabeel	Ambrosia	B	F
63	Savabeel	Bejewelled	BR	C
69	Savabeel	Black Belt	BR	F
78	Savabeel	But Beautiful	B	C
95	O'Reilly	Chorus	BR	C
109	Savabeel	Daffodil	B	F
122	Savabeel	Dating	BR	C
124	O'Reilly	Dee I Why	B	F
133	Savabeel	Disguised	BB	C
147	Ocean Park	Enjoy	B	C
150	Savabeel	Etiquette	BR	F
152	Savabeel	Everyday	BL	C
170	Savabeel	Forty Two Below	B	F
171	Savabeel	Frankly	BR	F
172	O'Reilly	Frockstar	B	C
180	Ocean Park	Girls on Top	B	F
192	Ocean Park	Haberdashery	B	F
193	Savabeel	Halloween	B	C
204	Savabeel	I Do	B	C
205	O'Reilly	Iguazu's Girl	BR	C
220	O'Reilly	Joy	B	F
229	Savabeel	Kansas	BR	F
243	O'Reilly	Lady Chaparral	BR	C
255	Ocean Park	Legs	B	C
264	Ocean Park	Lowland	BR	C
273	O'Reilly	Marahau	BRB	F
278	Pins	Maxmara	B	C
281	O'Reilly	Metropolitan	BR	C
289	Savabeel	Miss Lioness	BB	F
303	Ocean Park	More to Love	B	F
306	Pins	My Locket	BB	F
310	Rock 'n' Pop	Not Sure	B	C
317	Ocean Park	Oh So Glam	B	F
319	Savabeel	On Broadway	BR	F
329	Savabeel	Pasadena	BR	F
331	O'Reilly	Pay Attention	B	F
340	Savabeel	Platinum Princess	BR	C
342	Savabeel	Polish	B	F
349	Savabeel	Prickle	B	C
355	O'Reilly	Promenade	BR	C
362	O'Reilly	Queen Sabeel	BR	C
367	O'Reilly	Rehab	B	F
389	O'Reilly	Savodara	B	C
404	Savabeel	Shopaholic	B	F
412	Savabeel	Sitting Pretty	B	F
419	Pins	Sparkling	B	C
420	Savabeel	Spending	BR	C
422	O'Reilly	Splitsecond	BR	C
434	Savabeel	Striptease	B	C
454	Savabeel	Thy	BB	C
457	O'Reilly	Tiptoes	B	C

LOT	SIRE	DAM	COL.	SEX
468	Ocean Park	Under and Over	B	F
477	Rock 'n' Pop	Vedo Star	B	C
492	Pins	We Love	B	F
504	Ocean Park	You Too	B	C
557	Rock 'n' Pop	Be Fabulous	B	C
581	Rock 'n' Pop	Bright	B	F
619	Pins	Cong'er	C	F
622	Casino Prince	Contented	B	C
654	Savabeel	Disneyland	BB	F
678	O'Reilly	Ethics	BR	C
686	O'Reilly	Fabulist	BR	F
687	Rock 'n' Pop	Fairy Tale	B	C
697	O'Reilly	Fireside	B	C
719	Pins	Genius	BR	C
733	O'Reilly	Happily Ever After	B	C
736	Pins	Heartfelt	B	C
784	Rock 'n' Pop	Kiwi Park	B	C
787	O'Reilly	Know All	B	C
796	O'Reilly	Lady Lincoln	B	C
844	Pins	Mary Ellen	B	C
861	Ocean Park	Millililli	C	F
865	Ocean Park	Miss Caruso	B	F
876	O'Reilly	Miss Purrfecction	B	C
888	O'Reilly	Music	B	C
897	Ocean Park	Nadel Dame	B	C
928	Pins	Paris Carver	B	F
934	Ocean Park	Peony	B	C
941	Ocean Park	Pinderella	B	F
943	O'Reilly	Pinzaara	B	C
956	Ocean Park	Propinquity	BB	F
968	Ocean Park	Quizzical	B	F
969	O'Reilly	Ransom Success	B	C
972	Pins	Really Reputable	B	C
974	Pins	Red Delicious	B	C
1056	Ocean Park	Starry	B	C
1097	O'Reilly	Toss Up	BB	C