

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO



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Pins' dual Gr.1 winning Hong Kong galloper **Aerovelocity** is rated the one to beat in **Singapore's KrisFlyer International Sprint** this Sunday.

The Paul O'Sullivan-trained galloper will be guided from barrier three by regular pilot Zac Purton, an alley that is directly inside of Singapore's gutsy WS-bred hope **Kiwi Karma** [Fast N Famous].



“Three is an ideal gate,” O’Sullivan told the NZ Racing Desk. “He’s got good tactical speed, there appears to be a lot of speed in the race and this gives the option to stay one off the fence. We should get a pretty good run from that gate.

“That draw lets Zac [Purton] do what he wants, he doesn’t have to jump and think ‘do I go forward or do I slot in?’

“Our jockeys understand the opposition so well in Hong Kong but here, who knows? If he’d been drawn nine in a nine horse field he could easily be stuck three deep, no cover, so the draw is a big help. The options are open, but if nothing wanted to lead we’d be pretty happy to.”

Regarded as Hong Kong’s new sprint kingpin, **Aeroveloc-ity** is a nine-time winner whose best wins have come in December’s **Gr.1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint** and March’s **Gr.1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen** in Japan.

The **Takamatsunomiya Kinen** was the third leg of the **Global Sprint Challenge**, an international championship series for sprinters which has become a 10-race series in six different countries [see table below].

To be eligible for the US\$1 million on offer, a horse must win a GSC race in three countries, where one win can be in the country the horse is trained.

2015 GLOBAL SPRINT CHALLENGE SERIES			
21 Feb	Gr.1 Black Caviar Lightning	Flemington, Australia	LANKAN RUPEE
28 March	Gr.1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, Sponsored by Gulf News	Meydan, United Arab Emirates	SECRET CIRCLE
29 March	Gr.1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen	Chukyo, Japan	AEROVELOCITY
17 May	Gr.1 KrisFlyer International Sprint	Singapore Racecourse, Kranji	
16 June	Gr.1 King’s Stand Stakes	Royal Ascot, United Kingdom	
20 June	Gr.1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes	Royal Ascot, United Kingdom	
11 July	Gr.1 Darley July Cup	Newmarket, United Kingdom	
4 Oct	Gr.1 Sprinters Stakes	Nakayama, Japan	
7 Nov	Gr.1 Darley Classic	Flemington, Australia	
13 Dec	Gr.1 LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint	Sha Tin, Hong Kong	





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WS SIRED BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY

	CHOPIN'S NOCTURNE 12g Pins x Etoile Centieme by Danasinga	Sgp-2 Aushorse Golden Horse-shoe 1200m	Sing.	12:25am
	TAURUS 08g No Excuse Needed x Stars In Her Eyes by Jetball	Listed Rangitikei Gold Cup 1600m	Rangi.	3:28pm
	KIWI COLLEEN 11f O'Reilly x Lumir by Encosta de Lago	Gr.3 South Australia Fillies Classic 2500m	SAJC	3:38pm
	MERION 11g O'Reilly x Sapphire Belle by Danske	Gr.3 Sunshine Coast Guineas 1600m	SCTC	4:42pm
	SWIFT LADY 11f O'Reilly x Sweet Lady by Encosta de Lago	Gr.3 Sunshine Coast Guineas 1600m	SCTC	4:42pm

	DIADEME 08f Savabeel x Bling by O'Reilly	Gr.3 Dark Jewel Classic 1400m	Scone	5:10pm
	MY SABEEL 07f Savabeel x Wailing Countess by Entrepreneur	Gr.3 Dark Jewel Classic 1400m	Scone	5:10pm
	GRAYSON SQUARE 09g Savabeel x Madison Gray by Mellifont	Listed Glasshouse Hcp 1300m	SCTC	6:02pm
SUNDAY				
	MY PONY 06g O'Reilly x Golden Sparkle by Gold Brose	Listed Macau Sprint Trophy 1200m	Macau	10:40pm
	AEROVELOCITY 08g Pins x Exodus by Kaapstad	Gr.1 KrisFlyer International Sprint 1200m	Sing.	11:50pm
	KIWI KARMA 11f Fast n Famous x Miss Purrfection by One Cool Cat	Gr.1 KrisFlyer International Sprint 1200m	Sing.	11:50pm



OCEAN PARK

crowned NZB Weanling Sale's Leading First Season Sire

WS sire **Ocean Park** added to his star resume with the title of **Leading First Season Sire** at the **NZB Weanling Sale** this week.

Progeny of the 5x Gr.1 winning Cox Plate sire sold up to \$80,000. This top lot was offered by Gordon Cunningham's Curraghmore Stud. The colt out of a winning French mare, who is a daughter of **Happyanunoit**. She was the champion juvenile of her year in New Zealand before she won twice at Group One level in the United States.

The \$80,000 price paid by Victoria interests surpassed the top price of **\$72,500** on the first day of the session for the Ocean Park-On The Board colt sold by Haunui Farm.

WS celebrated two good sales of their own with the **Ocean Park** filly out of Charlotte'srevenge going to Mata-mata identity Paul Ryan for **\$38,000**. The youngster is a half-sister to the multiple winner **O'Reilly's Revenge** and the family of the Group One performers **Pin Up Boy** [Pins] and **Double Dare** [O'Reilly].



Meanwhile, WS's son of **Pins** drew plenty of interest before he was knocked down to Prima Park for \$45,000. He is out of an unraced half-sister to the multiple Group Two winner **Century Kid** [Centaine].

Ocean Park's associate sire **Rock 'N' Pop** was also in demand with Curraghmore's colt out of the **Gr 2 City of Auckland Cup** winner **Highflying** selling for **\$35,000**. He is a half-brother to the ill-fated **Listed NZ St Leger** runner-up **Media World** [O'Reilly].



60 Seconds with...

Pump Up The Volume's Trainer
Ralph Manning



Favourite comfort food:	Roast
Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:	No nicknames
Best Horse(s) involved with:	Seachange
Book on the bedside table:	The Informant
If you weren't in the thoroughbred industry, you'd be a:	Dairy Farming
What do you do to relax:	Watch sports - Rugby League mainly
Favourite TV show:	The Cooking Channel
Favourite holiday destination:	Enjoyed going to Vietnam last year
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	I've bought two horses from WS and they've both been stakes winners (Pump Up The Volume and Snow Excuse).
How did you get involved with the thoroughbred industry:	My father always had racehorses. I started Pony Club at 4 and was a show rider and eventer before racing. I signed up to be an apprentice at 14 and began training at 20.
Favourite Movie:	I like a lot of movies. Anything with Morgan Freeman in it really.
Who were your childhood heroes:	As far as racing goes, it was and still is, Colin Jillings.
Career Highlight:	Seachange's Gr.1 Telegraph win.
Best piece of good advice:	The harder you work, the luckier you get.
If someone was going to play you in a movie, you'd like it to be:	Some ol' bugga. Geoge Clooney would be nice.
Not many people would know that:	I was a very shy young person.



RECENT WS SIRED Winners

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O'REILLY



SAVABEEL



PINS



NO EXCUSE
NEEDED



RIOS



Pedigree Pointers with GARETH DOWNEY



A SPECIAL ROCK

When **Rock 'N' Pop** first retired to stud, the pedigree research at that stage quickly identified a strong affinity between **Fastnet Rock** and **Nureyev**. A recent **Gr. 3** winner at The Curragh, **Fas-**



inating Rock is out of a **Polar Falcon** [Nureyev] mare and so is another example of this successful affinity. In addition to this, there was another recent **Fastnet Rock** stakes winner in the northern hemisphere that is an example of an extension of this pedigree pattern. **Diamondsandrubies** is a filly who recently won the **Listed Chester Cheshire Oaks**. **Diamondsandrubies** is out of a **Sadler's Wells** mare, and with **Sadler's Wells** being out of a half-sister to **Nureyev** [Northern Dancer ex Special], these two stakes winners confirm the very strong affinity between **Fastnet Rock** and the wonderful mare **Special**.

When **Fastnet Rock** has been mated with mares carrying either **Sadler's Wells** or **Nureyev** in the first three generations of their pedigree, the results to date are running at **10.3% SW/Rnrs**, and a **Gr. 1** winner for ev-

ery **32** runners. The **Gr. 1** winners bred on this pedigree pattern so far have been **Atlantic Jewel, Mosheen, First Seal, Super Cool, Nechita, Planet Rock** and **Rock Classic**.

With our **Gr. 1** winning son of **Fastnet Rock, Rock N Pop**, not carrying either **Nureyev** or **Sadler's Wells** in his own pedigree, this proven affinity is an excellent one to use when planning matings for your mares who do carry either of these stallions in their pedigree. In addition to that, the fact that **Rock 'N' Pop** is out of a **Sir Tristram** mare, this is another positive factor in planning the matings.

Sir Tristram and **Sadler's Wells** have so far combined together to produce at least **16** individual **Gr. 1** winners including the likes of **Pierro, Dundeel, Scenic Shot, Lucia Valentina, Viewed** etc.

Sir Tristram and **Nureyev** have so far combined together to produce at least **23** individual **Gr. 1** winners including the likes of **Ocean Park, Rebel Raider, Atlantic Jewel, Mosheen, Zabeel** etc.

With the first crop of **Rock 'N' Pop** progeny now weanlings, and with them receiving very positive comment from astute judges throughout the industry, you can have even greater confidence in using **Rock 'N' Pop** in your mating plans. If your mare carries either **Sadler's Wells** or **Nureyev** then the proven affinity outlined above makes **Rock 'N' Pop** an excellent choice for her this season.

If you would like to discuss this or anything else related to your mating plans for 2015, please feel free to contact me via gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or on 021 433 073



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HUGHESEY'S TIP!

HORSE: KELLY O'REILLY
RACE: Waikato RC - Race 7 - 1:55pm [NZ]
BET TYPE: Win
COMMENT: Has been working well. Just be careful if the track gets too wet.



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