

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO

PINS gelding

AEROVELOCITY

out to make history for **HONG KONG & NEW ZEALAND** in

JAPAN'S GR.1 TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN



Paul O'Sullivan has returned to the country of one of his greatest training triumphs with Sunday's **Gr.1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (1200m)** at Chukyo Racecourse in Japan the ambitious goal set for star **Pins** galloper **Aerovelocit**y.

O'Sullivan and his father and then training partner Dave produced the great mare **Horlicks** (NZ) [Three Legs] to win the Gr.1 Japan Cup at the Tokyo racecourse in 1989. Ridden by brother, Lance, Horlicks not only carved her place as the first NZ-bred winner in the event, but she did so in world record time.

On Sunday, the Hong Kong-based trainer's charge **Aerovelocit**y likewise faces a raft of unchartered territories.

In Sunday's **Gr.1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen**, the talented **Pins** 6YO gelding will be:

- Hong Kong's first contender
- The first NZ-bred contender
- The third overseas horse ever to fly in for the event
- The first overseas horse in 12 years to attempt to do so
- Having his first Gr.1 attempt at racing the left-handed way and on Chukyo racecourse's different turf surface.

"He's raced left-handed before [in New Zealand] and been successful but at G1 level it's a little bit of an unknown. As far as the rise on the track [at Chukyo] goes, again, unknown because he's sort of raced on the flat track his whole time—so those are the two things, going into the race, we're not too sure about," O'Sullivan told www.japanracing.jp yesterday.

"He's big and strong and he's got very good gait speed. He's also pretty versatile in his races—he's also won coming from last this season—so if the pace is sedate, which is usually not the case here, he can make the pace, but he can also follow if some horses want to go in front. Basically I think he's a very courageous horse and we hope he can run to his very best, and if so he'll be very competitive."

Bred by Nelson Schick and Steve Till, **Aerovelocity** displayed his ability to defy odds two starts back, powering home to be the first NZ-bred winner of the Gr.1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint.



Owned by Ngai Daniel Yeung, **Aerovelocity** boasts eight wins from 16 starts, in addition to four seconds and a third.

Aerovelocity will be reunited with jockey Zac Purton in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen and will jump from barrier 4 with 57kg's on his back.

A promotional banner for the Takamatsunomiya Kinen race. On the left, a jockey in pink and white silks is riding a dark horse. The text on the banner includes: "BRINGING THE BEST OVERSEAS RACING TO YOU" in yellow, "Takamatsunomiya Kinen (S2-1) 29/3 SUN" in white and yellow, "Sunday, 7:40pm NZ Time" in white, and "Japan Chukyo Racecourse" with a red circle logo in white. The name "AEROVELOCITY" is visible at the bottom left of the horse image.

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Takamatsunomiya Kinen (S2-1) **29/3** SUN

Sunday, 7:40pm NZ Time

Japan Chukyo Racecourse

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O'DIANNE out to repeat GR.1 RESULT FOR OWNERS

It's 12 months since New Zealand training great Trevor McKee and good friend Barry Rissetto celebrated success as the owners of the **Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes** winner **O'Marilyn** [O'Reilly].

Today McKee drives down to Awapuni with another **O'Reilly** filly on board hoping to repeat the dose in tomorrow's Gr.1 renewal.

Like **O'Marilyn**, the Stephen McKee-trained **O'Dianne** is raced by himself and Rissetto – who has been a long-term stable client, and she will have the services of Sam Spratt aboard.

O'Dianne was a last start winner at Ellerslie and is rated the fourth elect for the event.

"She's been working extremely well, so hopefully, she should be able to work her way into the top three," said Trevor McKee.



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WS SIRED BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY					
	PASADENA GIRL 12f Savabeel x Nina From Pasadena	Gr.3 Schweppervescence Hcp [1400m]	ATC	2:40pm	
	IRISH WHISPER 11f O'Reilly x The Speaker	Gr.3 Manawatu Classic [2000m]	Mana	2:50pm	
	O'DIANNE 12f O'Reilly x Breezy	Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes [1400m]	Mana	3:59pm	
	SAVASON 12c Savabeel x Pin Oak	Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes [1400m]	Mana	3:59pm	
	MY SABEEL 07f Savabeel x Wailing Countess	Gr.2 Emancipation Stakes [1500m]	ATC	4:30pm	
	HERA 10f O'Reilly x Corsica	Gr.2 Emancipation Stakes [1500m]	ATC	4:30pm	
	TAURUS 08g No Excuse Needed x Stars In Her Eyes	Listed Flying Hcp [1400m]	Mana	4:39pm	
	TIE ME DOWN 10f Pins x Ashley Downs	Listed Flying Hcp [1400m]	Mana	4:39pm	
	EMERALD QUEEN 09f O'Reilly x Scarlet Queen	Gr.2 Awapuni Gold Cup [2000m]	Mana	5:19pm	
	SILENT ACHIEVER 08f O'Reilly x Winning Spree by Zabeel	Gr.1 BMW Stakes [2400m]	ATC	6:30pm	
	LUCIA VALENTINO 10f Savabeel x Staryn Glenn by Montjeu	Gr.1 BMW Stakes [2400m]	ATC	6:30pm	
	PIN YOUR HOPES 09g Pins x Zarvana	Listed Hareeba Stakes [1200m]	MRC	6:50pm	
	MERION 11g O'Reilly x Sapphire Belle	Gr.2 Tulloch Stakes [2000m]	ATC	7:10pm	
	CAPED CRUSADER 11g O'Reilly x Aria	Gr.2 Tulloch Stakes [2000m]	ATC	7:10pm	
	EPINGLE 07f Pins x Etoile du Nord	Listed Mornington Cup [2400m]	MRC	7:30pm	
	CLOVER LANE 11f O'Reilly x Sequential Charm	Listed Laelia Stakes [1600m]	SAJC	7:34pm	

SUNDAY				
	LERTASHA 10f O'Reilly x Entrust	Gr.3 Jacaranda Hcp [1800m]	Turff.	2:05am
	AEROVELOCITY 08g Pins x Exodus	G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen [1200m]	Jap.	7:40pm
	FLAME HERO 09g Savabeel x Rhysess	HK-3 Premier Plate [1800m]	Sha Tin	10:10pm



60 Seconds with...

NZ Training Great & O'Dianne Co-Owner

TREVOR MCKEE



Favourite comfort food:	Roast Pork
Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:	No nickname at this stage - or that I know of.
Best Horse[s] involved with:	Sunline, Solveig, Moonshine, Flying Luskin and others.
Book on the bedside table:	None
If you hadn't been a trainer, what else might you have been?	I started off on a farm milking cows so probably a Dairy Farmer.
What do you do to relax:	Watch a little TV and travelling in the time I do have off.
Favourite TV show:	At the moment, Trackside and The Bill.
Favourite holiday destination:	Ireland
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	It's a very nice place that is well run by experts in the field
How did you get involved with racing:	Rode ponies from an early age on the farm, did the pony show circuit, then was going round the hunts before signing up to be jockey at age 14.
Favourite Movie:	The Quiet Man - starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.
Career Highlights:	Every winner we've had really but I guess you'd have to say Sunline winning the Hong Kong Mile and two Cox Plates.
Best piece of good advice:	Try to lead a good clean life. Keep yourself working and stay out of trouble.
If someone was going to play you in a movie:	Brad Pitt would be nice.
Name 3 people you'd love to invite to a dinner party:	Wife for a start, followed by the Queen and Rachel Hunter.
Not many people would know that ...	my hobbie is my past-time and my income. I enjoy racing horses and that's why I've been in game 60 odd years. I also really enjoy driving the horsetruck.



RECENT WS SIRED Winners

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Pedigree Pointers with GARETH DOWNEY



PINS PACKING GLOBAL PUNCH

Pins is well-known as a leading international sire who consistently produces good quality, consistent and versatile racehorses who race well in all racing jurisdictions. This is evidenced by the fact he has twice taken out the **Centaine Award**; this being a measure of global earnings for progeny of NZ-based stallions. **Pins** is again running a close 2nd on the **Centaine Award** for the current season, sitting on **\$6.7 Million** in progeny earnings, just **\$200,000** behind **O'Reilly**.

During the last week, all of this has been on good display with **Pins** having **7** winners for the week, as well as a stakes placed performer. The greatest contributor to the earnings tally was the win of **Packing Pins** in Hong Kong. He continues to be a very promising performer, and this latest win takes his record now to **5** starts for **2** wins and **2** second placings. Such is his reputation in Hong Kong that he has actually started an odds-on favourite in all his starts, and he looks like he is destined for many more wins yet. Another high class Hong Kong performer by **Pins** is **Aerovelocity** and he will endeavour to provide a substantial boost to the progeny earnings for **Pins** when he competes in the **Gr. 1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen** this Sunday.



In terms of pedigree patterns, **Packing Pins** is bred on the successful cross of **Pins** over an **O'Reilly** mare. The results of this cross to date are running at an impressive **8.8% Stakes Winners/Runners**, and **17.6% Stakes Placegetters/Runners**.

The consistent success of **Pins** in general is perhaps best highlighted by the fact that his career to date has produced **64** stakes winners at the rate of **7.7% SW/Rnrs**. That strike rate puts him in the very top echelon of proven stallions throughout Australasia. On the basis of this, he should be strongly considered as an excellent option to help give your mare the best possible chance of producing a high class runner...and that could be anywhere on the international stage.

If you would like to discuss your pursuit of successful pedigree patterns as part of planning your matings for 2015 then please feel free to discuss with me via gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or on **021 433 073**





THE MAIL WITH MARK CHITTICK

Rapt to see all the Australasian success being enjoyed by New Zealand's breeding industry.

Savabeel's proving a terrific ambassador with three individual Gr.1 winners this term and it's very nice to see some young stallions in New Zealand coming on also.

It was an awesome result for the **Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ)** team in the Rosehill Guineas last Saturday. As pointed out by NZTM, it's a huge achievement for our breeding industry to claim **23%** of Australia's **Gr.1** races, despite the NZ-bred galloper making up just **5.5%** of their racing population.

And to prove just how international our gallopers are, we've got **Aerovelocity (NZ)** [Pins] facing Japan's very best sprinters for Hong Kong trainer Paul O'Sullivan in Sunday's **Gr.1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (1200m)**.

On a different note, we must have got the **Black Caps** right on track when they paid us a visit recently! Good luck to the boys Sunday!

TIP!

HORSE: IRISH ENCORE

RACE: Race 8 Manawatu, Fairdale/Goodwood Open Hcp

BET TYPE: Each Way

COMMENT: Co-owner DJ told me she never runs a bad race & should be there or thereabouts Saturday.



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