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AMBITIOUS DRAGON – Hong Kong’s ‘Horse of the Year’ is Back!

The Dragon Returns

Hong Kong’s ‘Horse of the Year’ **AMBITIOUS DRAGON** returns to the racing fold in the **HK-3 National Day Cup (1400m)** at Sha Tin this Saturday.

The Pat and Jane Lowry-bred **Pins** gelding was a revelation in Hong Kong last term, felling feature wins in the **G1 QEII Cup (2000m)**, the **HK-1 Hong Kong Derby (2000m)** and in the **HK-1 Classic Cup (1800m)**.

This reported longer term goal for the Tony Millard-conditioned 5YO is the **G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup (2000m)** on December 11.

Fact

PACO BOY = Awarded a 124 Lb World ranking in 2010 by the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities*

**126Lb So You Think, 125 Lb Goldikova and Zenyatta*

Foaling of the Week: Tullamore Sister

Sire SAVABEEL
Dam TROCAIR (half-sister to **OUR NAUTIQUE**)
Damsire FLYING SPUR
DOB Wednesday, 28 September 2011
Sex Filly
Breeder Christopher Grace.

Siblings: The smart bay foal (*pictured right*) is a full sister to the **G2 Brisbane Cup** winner, **TULLAMORE**, who notably lines up in the **G1 Metropolitan Hcp (2400m)** on Saturday.



WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
SATURDAY				
ANTONIO LOMBARDO 08c Pins x Petit Verdote by Carnegie	G2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)	H Bay	6	2:55pm
TAURUS 08c No Excuse Needed x Stars In Her Eyes by Jetball	G2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)	H Bay	6	2:55pm
FIELD DAZE 08g No Excuse Needed x Montrose by Maroof	G2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)	H Bay	6	2:55pm
JUST AN EXCUSE 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	G3 Traderacks Stakes (1400m)	H Bay	7	3:31pm
LUCHA LIBRE 07f Pins x Libre by Grosvenor	G2 Premiere Stakes (1200m)	ATC	4	5:00pm
ZARA DANCER 06c Savabeel x Blanchard by Kaapstad	G3 Craven Plate (2000m)	ATC	5	5:40pm
STRIKE THE STARS 08g Savabeel x Ambitious by Last Tycoon	G1 Spring Champion Stakes (2000m)	ATC	6	6:20pm
SANGSTER 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	G1 Spring Champion Stakes (2000m)	ATC	6	6:20pm
I'M JAKE 05g Pins x Venetian Court by Pompeii Court	Listed RM Ansett Classic (2413m)	MRC	6	6:40pm
DOWAGER QUEEN 08f Savabeel x Dower by Pins	G1 Flight Stakes (1600m)	ATC	8	7:40pm
TULLAMORE 06g Savabeel x Trocair by Flying Spur	G1 Metropolitan Hcp (2400m)	ATC	9	8:20pm
AMBITIOUS DRAGON Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	HK-3 National Day Cup (1400m)	HKJC		
SUNDAY				
WAIKATO 03g Pins x Skywalker Wilkes by Skywalker	Sgp-1 Kranji Mile (1600m)	SG	10	10:45pm

Scarlett Lady to Miss Spring

Top-class **Savabeel** mare **Scarlett Lady** has been ruled out of the rest of the spring carnival with a leg injury.

The highly-fancied Caulfield and Melbourne Cups hope will be now undergo minor surgery and will be spelled before a return for an autumn campaign.

Run of the Week: Famous By Name

This week's **Run of the Week** goes to the Dean Binaisse-prepared **Fast'N'Famous** galloper **Famous By Name**, who turned in a brilliant performance over 1600m in Victoria last Sunday.

The Deborah Ho-bred 3YO was idling third last at the turn, but when shown the persuader by Luke Currie, found top gear at a great rate of knots. The subsequent call went as follows...

"Famous By Name is swamping them. He's come from nowhere! Famous By Name's grabbed them. He's got up! Big effort!" exclaimed the Bairnsdale RC commentator.

"Famous By Name, never really going to win, but he's got there though... awe he's jumped out of the ground!"

Mark's Mail



Another massive weekend of racing ahead for the Boys.

Pins and **Savabeel** each have five stakes runners apiece and **No Excuse Needed** isn't far away either with three.

Tip of the week: Has to be **Ambitious Dragon** – let's just hope he has more success than what his namesake Waikato Stud Soccer team did when debuting last night.

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