

## WEEKEND @ WAIKATO



### SANGSTER ON SONG FOR GR.1 AUCKLAND CUP

**Sangster** tightened his grip on the **Gr.1 Auckland Cup** with another outstanding display at Ellerslie last Sunday. The son of **Savabeel** continued on his winning way with a commanding victory in the **Gr. 2 Avondale Cup**.

A last-start winner of the **Gr.1 Darci Brahma International Stakes**, the 4YO gave away both weight and age to his rivals and was still a level above them. **Sangster** carried 59kg and will drop to 54.5kg in the Auckland Cup.

*"The weight was an issue, but he's the class horse,"* said co-trainer Trent Busuttin, who prepares the gelding at Cambridge with partner Natalie Young. *"He wants hard racing, so it's not out of the question that we might bring him back for the Nathan's Memorial before the cup."*

**Sangster**, also the winner last season's **1 VRC Derby**, led home a memorable result in the Avondale Cup for **Savabeel**, with daughter **Savanah Rush** finishing a game second.

### VOGUE SHOWS HER STYLE



The cream rose to the top at Pukekohe on Wednesday when the well-bred galloper **Vogue** stepped out. The 3YO filly boasting the impressive Group One pedigree, carried the WS silks to victory at what was the first time of asking.

A homebred daughter of champion sire **O'Reilly** and the millionaire mare **Glamorous Puss** (*pictured*) - the winner of two top-flight Gr.1 events herself, had been a lead-up trial winner at Paeroa.

*"She went quite nicely and jumped out and got on the fence,"* co-trainer Peter Williams said. *"She's a nice filly and will improve a lot – the more she does the better she'll be."*

Bred and raced by Garry Chittick, **Vogue** is the third foal out of **Glamour Puss** and is a half-sister to the winners **Heritage** (Redoute's Choice) and **Hollywood** (Pins). The latter's younger brother **Beckham** is in the Matamata stable of Peter and Jacob McKay.

# WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

FRIDAY			
<b>I'M JAKE</b> 05g Pins x Venetian Court by Pompeii Court	Listed Moonee Valley Night Cup (2500m)	MVRC	11:45pm
<b>ALTONIO</b> 06g Savabeel x Shaftly Lady by Last Tycoon	Listed Moonee Valley Night Cup (2500m)	MVRC	11:45pm
SATURDAY			
<b>JIMMY HOFFA</b> 10c Savabeel x Sentura by Volksraad	Listed Slipper (1200m)	Mata	2:51pm
<b>KICK BUTTOWSKI</b> 10g Encosta de Lago x Glam Slam by Pins	Listed Slipper (1200m)	Mata	2:51pm
<b>ANNIE HIGGINS</b> 07f O'Reilly x Diva Belle by Carnegie	Listed Kaimai Stakes (2000m)	Mata	5:26pm
<b>MAGIC FALCON</b> 08g O'Reilly x Pastel Rose by Diesis	Listed Macau 4YO Prelude (1500m)	Macau	8:45pm
<b>CRUMPET O'REILLY</b> 09g O'Reilly x Zahn by Grosvenor	Listed Challenge Stakes (1500m)	WATC	9:05pm

## NO EXCUSE NEEDED: 34 WINNERS THIS TERM

**No Excuse Needed** has notched **34 winners** so far this term.

Headline acts include **No Excuse Maggie** - winner of the **Gr.3 Taranaki Breeders' Stakes** and the Gr.1 placed galloper **Justanexcuse**. Other stakes performers this term include **I Do** and **Taurus**.

LOCATION	2012/13
AUSTRALIA	4
NEW ZEALAND	20
ITALY	1
MACAU	3
MALAYSIA	1
SINGAPORE	3
TURKEY	1
GREAT BRITIAN	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>



## MARK'S MAIL



Looking forward to a big day of racing in town tomorrow with the **J Swap Matamata Breeders' Stakes Day** taking place.

It's a great day for the community, so hats off to the Swaps for supporting it with their sponsorship.

We've actually got **Kick Buttowski** debuting in the 5<sup>th</sup> – the Listed Reid & Harrison (1980) Limited Slipper, and we're pretty excited about him.

**Tip of the Week: Kick Buttowski** – Listed Reid & Harrison (1980) Limited Slipper – Matamata - 2:51pm (NZ time)

Good luck and good punting!





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