



Take a bow Savabeel – 10 individual stakes winners in 2011/12

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Savabeel Celebrates Gr.3 Double

Savabeel celebrated a **Gr.3** double last weekend with the all-conquering trans-Tasman deeds of **Fromelles** and **Brambles**.

Paving the way, the Zabeel stallion's Darren Dollimore-bred daughter **Fromelles** dished out a galloping lesson in the **Gr 3 Rotorua Cup (2200m)** in New Zealand. In fact, such was the nature of this 2 ¼ length win, that consideration is now being given by trainer John Sargent and owners Dollimore, Ms R Bennett & D Howarth to her tackling some Australian targets.

Savabeel's 3YO son **Brambles** then took up the **Gr.3** cause at Doomben shortly after, bursting through for a gritty Australian Gr.3 win in the **Rough Habit Plate (2000m)**.

Bred by the Chittick family's Celia Crawshaw, **Brambles** was purchased for \$100,000 by trainer Peter Moody and has yet to miss a cheque in his eight appearances.

Brambles is out of the winning **Pins** mare **Prickle**, who is a sister to the Listed Winter Cup winner **Legsman**, who coincidentally seeks additional black-type reward this weekend in the **Listed WJ McKell Cup** on Sunday.

The **Gr.3** success of this pair took **Savabeel's** individual stakes winner count to 10 this season (17 overall) and saw his leading margin on the **Dewar Award** extend from \$17,000 over **Zabeel** to just over \$38,000.

Stallion Stats (as at May 13)

THE CENTAINE AWARD

	STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
1	Pins	\$8,709,904
2	Savabeel	\$6,385,531
3	O'Reilly	\$6,376,815
4	High Chaparral	\$5,883,956
5	Zabeel	\$5,777,144

Criteria: The sire whose NZ-conceived progeny for the season under review has accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide.

THE DEWAR AWARD

	Stallion	NZ\$ Earnings
1	Savabeel	\$4,244,065
2	Zabeel	\$4,205,181
3	Pins	\$3,805,169
4	O'Reilly	\$3,423,831
5	Pentire	\$3,300,204

Criteria: The sire whose progeny has accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia and New Zealand for the season under review.

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

	Stallion	NZ\$ Earnings
1	O'Reilly	1,809,367
2	Thorn Park	1,306,285
3	Pins	1,250,302
4	Pentire	1,042,693
5	Captain Rio	849,390

Criteria: The sire whose progeny has accumulated the highest stakes earnings in New Zealand for the season under review.

Statistics courtesy of NZ Thoroughbred Marketing and Arion Pedigrees Ltd

Pins Prominent at Singapore International Meeting

With Gr.1 ambassadors **Waikato** and **Pretty Pins**, WS sire **Pins** is super prominent at **Singapore's International Meeting** this Sunday,

Laurie Laxon's superb galloper **Waikato** enters the **Gr.1 Singapore Airlines International Cup (2000m)** with a last tick at the distance in the **Sgp-2 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (2000m)** and will look to take his earnings past the NZ\$3mil mark from barrier 8 with top NZ hoop Opie Bosson in the saddle.

According to the Singapore Turf Club, Laxon isn't concerned about drawing eight in the 13 horse line-up.

"Opie (Bosson) is a big race jockey and you don't have to tie him down with too many instructions," said Laxon.



"The horse is in good order so it is now all up to the jockey."

Mean whilst a smart barrier trial last week by **Perfect Pins** (pictured left) has his trainer and jockey all smiles in the lead-up to the **Gr.1 KrisFlyer International Sprint (1200m)**.

Trainer Leticia Dragon and jockey Jose Verenzuela were delighted with how the six time winning 6YO went about his work in the 1000m hit-out, suggesting he is well on track to improve on his 3rd placing in the said Gr.1 event last year.

"I think he's going better now than he was last year," said Verenzuela after dismounting.

Perfect Pins has drawn barrier 5.

WS Sired Stakes Horses this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race	Time (NZ)
SATURDAY				
ANNIE HIGGINS 07m O'Reilly x Diva Belle by Carnegie	Listed Rangitikei Gold Cup (1600m)	Rang.	7	3:06pm
SAVAGE RIVER 07g Savabeel x Like The Wind by Deputy Governor	Gr.3 Glenlogan Park Stakes (1350m)	BRC	4	3:55pm
SHOPAHOLIC 08f Pins x Splashing Out by O'Reilly	Listed Straight Six Hcp (1200m)	VRC	5	4:21pm
DOWAGER QUEEN 08f Savabeel x Dower by Pins	Gr.3 Doomben Roses (2000m)	BRC	5	4:30pm
PRETTY PINS 08f Pins x Luna Tudor by Military Plume	Gr.3 Doomben Roses (2000m)	BRC	5	4:30pm
QUINTESSENTIAL 08f Fast 'N' Famous x Florette by Sword Dance	Gr.3 Doomben Roses (2000m)	BRC	5	4:30pm
ALMODOVAR 07g Pins x Midnight Madam by Kaapstad	Listed Andrew Ramsden Stakes (3200m)	VRC	6	4:56pm
SAVAGING 06g Savabeel x Gio by Centaine	Listed Andrew Ramsden Stakes (3200m)	VRC	6	4:56pm
SUNDAY				
LEGSMAN 05g Pins x Snobbish by Centaine	Listed WJ McKell Cup (2400m)	ATC	5	5:25pm
PERFECT PINS 05g Pins x La Cent by Centaine	Gr.1 Krisflyer International Sprint (1200m)	SING	Race 9	23:50
EARLY MONDAY MORNING				
WAIKATO 03g Pins x Skywalker Wilkes by Skywalker	Gr.1 Singapore Airlines International Cup (2000m)	SING	10	00:40

O'Reilly Colt Races Up To Pedigree On Debut

Heavily-backed debutante **Sacred Falls** made the best possible start to his career at Ruakaka this week. The Tony Pike and Mark Donoghue-trained juvenile justified his strong support with a narrow victory at the first time of asking.

Bred and sold by WS, the 2YO son of **O'Reilly** was expected to go close on the strength of his trial form and he duly delivered. He had beaten the subsequent raceday winner and Australian stakes performer **Saturn Rock** at the Cambridge trials in February.

Raced by Raffles Dancers after his \$160,000 purchase out of WS's Premier Sale line-up at Karaka last year, **Sacred Falls** is out of the **Redoute's Choice** mare **Iguazu's Girl**. She is a half-sister to the farm's **Gr 3 Thoroughbred Club Stakes** winner **Splashing Out**, who was also runner-up in the **Gr 1 Ascot Vale Stakes**. Her first foal is the **Gr 2 Angus Armanasco Stakes** winner **Shopaholic**, who races in the **Listed Straight Six Hcp (1200m)** at Flemington this Saturday.

WS Trivia

What WS Stallion had a major Gr.1 update to his pedigree in March?

To answer, just reply to this email and the best response will receive a WS cap in the mail



LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Waikato Stud was the first New Zealand stud to breed a Gr.1 winner in Europe. Who was this horse?

ANSWER:

Starcraft

Mark's Mail



Massive result for **Savabeel** last weekend with **Fromelles** and **Brambles**. He now sits on **10** stakes winners for the season with two of these (Sangster and Scarlett Lady) coming at **Gr.1** level. He really is making a big name for himself at this early stage of his career.

Taking a look at the WS sired stakes runners this weekend and you likewise can't ignore the international success of **Pins**. He has six stakes runners this weekend, with two important Gr.1 hopes in Singapore with **Waikato** and **Perfect Pins**.

Whilst all good chances, my tip of the week is an **O'Reilly** we race called **Lego**. She is out of our Gr.1 racemare **Legs** and resumes for trainer Kevin Gray at Awapuni.

Tip of the Week: Saturday – **Lego** - Race 3 – AB Equipment Hcp (1200m) – 12:45pm (NZ)

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