



Ambitious Dragon – Triple Crown Glory Ahead?

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Dragon Shoots for Rare Triple Crown

Hong Kong has known only one Triple Crown winner but **Pins** star **Ambitious Dragon** will attempt to re-write this when he jumps from gate six in the **HKG1 Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup** at Sha Tin this Sunday.

Tony Millard's charge took the first two legs of the Triple Crown in scintillating style as he comfortably swept aside high-class opponents to win the **HKG1 Stewards' Cup (1600m)** in January and February's **HKG1 Citibank Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m)**.

Now the five-time G1/HKG1 winner and reigning Horse of the Year faces a step into the unknown as he takes on five rivals over 2400m, in an attempt to become only the second HK Triple Crown winner, 18 years after **River Verdon** (in 1994) became the first.

To read full HKJC release, [click here](#)

Sunday - Race 8 - HK-1 Champions & Chater Cup (2400m) - 8:05pm

WS Sired Stakes Horses this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race	Time (NZ)
SATURDAY				
WATCH KING 09g O'Reilly x Chablis by Kingmambo	Listed Great Northern Foal Stakes (1400m)	ARC	4	1:35pm
DOWAGER PRINCESS 09f Savabeel x Dower by Pins	Listed Great Northern Foal Stakes (1400m)	ARC	4	1:35pm
BRAMBLES 08g Savabeel x Prickle by Pins	Gr.3 Grand Prix Stakes (2200m)	BRC	5	4:40pm
SUNDAY				
AMBITIOUS DRAGON 06g Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	HK-1 Champions & Chater Cup (2400m)	HK	8	8:05pm

Stallion Stats (as at May 20)

THE CENTAINE AWARD

	STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
1	Pins	\$8,805,140
2	O'Reilly	\$6,566,772
3	Savabeel	\$6,496,553
4	Zabeel	\$6,019,288
5	High Chaparral	\$5,977,981

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	Zabeel	\$4,392,233
2	Savabeel	\$4,281,715
3	Pins	\$3,879,069
4	O'Reilly	\$3,454,606
5	Pentire	\$3,316,221

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	1,825,742
2	Thorn Park	1,306,660
3	Pins	1,274,877
4	Pentire	1,048,593
5	Captain Rio	891,400

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

President Lincoln Opens Hong Kong Win Account



O'Reilly's Gr.2 Wellington Guineas winner **President Lincoln** opened his Hong Kong win account at first attempt last Saturday.

The Lincoln Farms-bred 3YO made the smart debut in a Class 2 event over 1400m, winning by 2 lengths.

Prior to Hong Kong export, **President Lincoln** was prepared to three wins from four outings by Lisa Latta.

He is now trained by Danny Shum and gave owners Mr & Mrs Cheung Yat Yuen good cause for optimism prior to the race with two Hong Kong trial wins.

The Adventures of Ambitious Dragon



A few weeks ago, a slightly smaller than expected **Ambitious Dragon** made his through Waikato Stud's gates.

Naturally we had the camera at the ready for his NZ adventure...



Ahh hullo it's me guys, Ambitious Dragon – you know 5 time Gr.1 winner!



Dad is gonna be so chuffed when he sees me.



Just hanging with Dad (I'm in the blinkers)



Quick good-bye kiss for Pa Pins. Gotta catch a plane, big race Sunday.

Winning Double On The Cards

Ward set up the possibility of a notable brotherly double for WS when he claimed the first victory of his brief career at yesterday's Gosford meeting.

A winning result from the new partnership of Graeme Rogerson and Lee Freedman, the **O'Reilly** colt was successful over 1600 metres at his fourth appearance.

The 3YO is a brother to the Lisa Latta-trained juvenile **Attivaree**, who has placed in both his starts to date and will seek a breakthrough in the opening event at Trentham tomorrow. They are out of the Kinjite mare **Activate**, who won six times, with recent Awapuni winner **Jack's Point** (Pins) the star so far of her brood.

Ward was a \$115,000 purchase for Rogerson out of WS's 2010 Select Sale consignment to Karaka while **Attivaree** was a \$45,000 buy in 2011 for Latta. She is also the guiding hand behind the six-time winner **Jack's Point**, who cost \$140,000 at Karaka.

WS Trivia

What WS Stallion has a $\frac{3}{4}$ brother in blood heading to Japan for June 3rd's Gr.1 Yasuda Kinen (1600M)?

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



LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

NO EXCUSE NEEDED

His $\frac{3}{4}$ brother CAPPONI won March's Gr.1 Meydan Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 and was 2nd in the Gr.1 Dubai World Cup.

Mark's Mail



I got an interesting email from bloodstock agent Bruce Perry this week. In this email newsletter, he looked at the 2012 opportunities ahead for astute breeders. It's well worth a read, so we've popped it up on our website ([click here to read](#)).

Great to see **O'Reilly's Wellington Guineas** winner **President Lincoln** going straight on with the job up in Hong Kong last Saturday.

Speaking of going on with the job, keep an eye out for an **O'Reilly** filly named **Top Classic** at Cranbourne this Sunday. She's a half to the **Gr.2** winner **Passchendaele** and looked the goods at the end of April when winning her maiden by a staggering 11 length margin.

My tip of the week though is a **Fast N Famous** galloper in Hong Kong called **Can Do**. He's won both of this two career starts for John Size and looks every chance of extending this record on Sunday.

Tip of the Week: Sunday – **Can Do** - Race 9 – Vengeance of Rain Hcp – 8:40pm (NZ)

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