

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO



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Ambitious Dragon Equal Highest Ranked HK Horse

Johnson and Anderson Lam's superstar **Pins** galloper **Ambitious Dragon** achieved a record-equalling career benchmark in the 2012 **World Thoroughbred Rankings** (WTR), released this week by the **International Federation of Horseracing Authorities** (IFHA).

Hong Kong's two-time **Horse of the Year** matched **Good Ba Ba's** 2008 peak mark of 124, making the Tony Millard-trained six-year-old the joint-highest ranked Hong Kong horse of all time. **Ambitious Dragon's** rating was achieved when victorious under topweight in October's **Gr. 2 Oriental Watch Sha Tin Trophy**.

The results comes as terrific news for his breeders Pat and Jane Lowry, who offer a Mastercraftsman half-brother to the sublime galloper at the upcoming Karaka Yearling Sales ([click here](#)). Interestingly, the black-type surrounding this colt has the potential to grow still with **Ambitious Dragon** stepping out in this Sunday's **HK-1 Stewards Cup (1600m)** at Sha Tin at 9:35pm NZ time.

KARAKA PREVIEW – FOUR TO WATCH

PREMIER SALE

[Lot 402 Zabeel x Tootsie colt](#)

Beautifully balanced Zabeel colt. First foal out of a Gr.1 performed **Pins** mare.

[Link to pedigree](#)



PREMIER SALE

Lot 231 O'Reilly x Lodore Mystic filly

Full sister to the four time Gr.1 winner and now sire, **Alamosa**.

Lovely walker.

[Link to pedigree](#)



SELECT SALE

Lot 461 No Excuse Needed x Aroon colt

A real poster boy.

Full brother to the Gr.3 VRC CS Hayes Stakes winner, **Take The Rap**.

[Link to pedigree](#)



SELECT SALE

Lot 576 O'Reilly x Disciple filly

Strong filly.

From the Gr.1 family of **Escada**.

[Link to pedigree](#)



ROCK 'n' POP RETIRED TO STUD



Fastnet Rock's Gr.1 son **Rock 'n' Pop'** retired to stud this week.

As announced earlier, the exciting sire prospect is to stand at Waikato Stud.

The handsome 4yo brings with him some superb sire credentials for the 2013 breeding season.

- By Champion Australian sire **Fastnet Rock**.
- Out of a dual Gr.1 winning **Sir Tristram** mare, **Popsy**.
- Purchased for \$1 million at the 2010 Premier Yearling Sale.
- Debut winner.
- Black-type winner of the Gr.1 NZ Two Thousand Guineas and Restricted Listed Karaka 3YO Mile at three.
- Like **O'Reilly**, **Rock 'N' Pop** achieved **Gr.1** success at start four.
- Only son of **Fastnet Rock** announced to stand at stud in New Zealand.
- Received highest possible AAA rating by Breednet Sire Prospect Tracker.
- 16 of Australia's Top 20 stallions did their racing in Australasia.
- Stud fee yet to be set

WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY

BOB APPETIT 10c O'Reilly x Lolly Scramble by Generous	Gr.2 Wakefield Challenge S. (1200m)	WRC	1:51pm
ABRAHAM LINCOLN 09g O'Reilly x Pinot Gris by Pentire	Gr.3 Wellington S. (1600m)	WRC	3:06pm
GAME FOR FAME 09g Fast'N'Famous x Bella Boyd by Star Way	Gr.3 Wellington S. (1600m)	WRC	3:06pm
SAM MESI 09g Savabeel x Sentura by Volksraad	Gr.3 Wellington S. (1600m)	WRC	3:06pm
SANGSTER 08g Savabee3l x Quinta Special by Spectrum	Listed Anniversary Hcp (1600m)	WRC	3:46pm
I DO 07f No Excuse Needed x Freequence by O'Reilly	Listed Anniversary Hcp (1600m)	WRC	3:46pm
SAVOUR THE MOMENT 07g Savabeel x Dancing Mistress by Masterclass	Listed Anniversary Hcp (1600m)	WRC	3:46pm
JOEY MASSINO 06g O'Reilly x Rationable by Housebuster	Listed Anniversary Hcp (1600m)	WRC	3:46pm
GLAD 08f Pins x McHappy x Rory's Jester	Listed Anniversary Hcp (1600m)	WRC	3:46pm
PARAKETO 09g Pis x Maureen Terese by Stravinsky	Listed Gore Guineas (1335m)	Gore	3:56pm
GOLD TERROR 09g Scaredee Cat x Donna's Gold by Kingdom Bay	Listed Gore Guineas (1335m)	Gore	3:56pm
SAVVY DANCER 07g Savabeel x Energetic Dancer by Dance Floor	Gr.3 Trentham S. (2100m)	WRC	4:26pm
FLORIA 07f Savabeel x Aria by Centaine	Gr.3 Trentham S. (2100m)	WRC	4:26pm
THE SOLITAIRE 07f O'Reilly x The Dazzler by Centaine	Gr.3 Trentham S. (2100m)	WRC	4:26pm
O'FILLE 07f O'Reilly x La Fille by Grosvenor	Gr.3 Trentham S. (2100m)	WRC	4:26pm
ANTONIO LOMBARDO 08c Pins x Petit Verdot by Carnegie	Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp (1200m)	WRC	5:46pm
UNDISCLOSED 07g Pins x Dare To Win by Centaine	Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp (1200m)	WRC	5:46pm
SHANDREAM 07f Pins x Pyjamas by Centaine	Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp (1200m)	WRC	5:46pm
(B1) TAURUS 08g No Excuse Needed x Stars in Her Eyes by Jetball	Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp (1200m)	WRC	5:46pm
(B3) HUFFER (ex Sequin) 08g Pins x Glitzy by O'Reilly	Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp (1200m)	WRC	5:46pm
(B4) VINCENT MANGANO 05g No Excuse Needed x Rationable by Housebuster	Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp (1200m)	WRC	5:46pm
KISS ME GOODBYE 10f Savabeel x Molly Sugar by El Music	(R)Listed Inglis 2YO Classic (1200m)	ATC	5:50pm

SUNDAY

PRESIDENT LINCOLN 08g O'Reilly x Pinot Gris by Pentire	HK-1 Hong Kong Classic Mile (1600m)	HKJC	9:00pm
GARLIC BOY 08g Savabeel x Bally Kiss by Bigstone	HK-1 Hong Kong Classic Mile (1600m)	HKJC	9:00pm
AMBITIOUS DRAGON 06g Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	HK-1 Stewards Cup (1600m)	HKJC	9:35pm

MARK'S MAIL



Exciting times. Yearlings head up to Karaka on Monday.

We're very proud of this draft and the proven **Gr.1** sirelines it is characterised by.

Pins has a superb **Gr.1** line-up this weekend, with as many as four Gr.1 contenders. The most accomplished of these, is of course, the world renowned galloper **Ambitious Dragon**. Pretty amazing stuff to be named Hong Kong's equal highest ranked horse ever.

See you at Karaka!

Tip of the Week: Make a beeline for Waikato at Karaka



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