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## Ambitious Dragon – The Best

“He’s the best horse I’ve ridden” champion jockey Douglas Whyte told Mark Chittick of **Ambitious Dragon** this week.

The outstanding praise comes in the wake of the **Pins** 5YO’s jaw dropping season resume in last Saturday’s **HK-3 National Day Cup** over 1400m.

“I’d given him a breather. We were about three quarters back and he was very, very comfortable. Then I just gave him a squeeze and he ran past them so quickly it was incredible. He is the most amazing horse to ride. This is the sort of horse you dream about all your life.” reported Whyte to the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

## Fact

**O’REILLY** = 1 of just 11 NZ-based stallions in history to reach 50 Stakes Winners

## Foal of the Week: Zabeel ex Tootsie Colt



## WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
<b>MASTER O'REILLY</b> 02g O'Reilly x Without Remorse by Bakharoff	<b>G2</b> Herbert Power Stakes (2400m)	MRC	3	2:45pm
<b>LOPOV</b> 07g Savabeel x Prickle by Pins	<b>G2</b> Herbert Power Stakes (2400m)	MRC	3	2:45pm
<b>JUSTANEXCUSE</b> 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	<b>Listed</b> Matamata Cup (1600m)	Mata	8	4:06pm
<b>NO EXCUSE MAGGIE</b> 06f No Excuse Needed x Maggie O'Reilly by O'Reilly	<b>Listed</b> Matamata Cup (1600m)	Mata	8	4:06pm
<b>SHARP PRINCESS</b> 05f Pins x She's Snubbed by O'Reilly	<b>G3</b> Taranaki Breeders Stakes (1400m)	Egmont	8	4:26pm
<b>PINZEE</b> 05f Pins x Cheeky Baby by King Delemere	<b>G3</b> Taranaki Breeders Stakes (1400m)	Egmont	8	4:26pm
<b>DATING</b> 07f O'Reilly x Mandate by Sound Reason	<b>G3</b> Taranaki Breeders Stakes (1400m)	Egmont	8	4:26pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
<b>PADDY O'REILLY</b> 05g O'Reilly x Star of Amarissa by Assert	<b>Listed</b> Cranbourne Cup (2025m)	Cranb	8	6:12pm

# Pins Setting Pace Again for Centaine Award

For the second season running, **Pins** is setting the NZ pace for international earnings.

The latest standings for the **Centaine Award** are as follows:

THE CENTAINE AWARD As provided by Arion Pedigrees, 3 October 2011	
STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
<b>Pins</b>	<b>\$1,274,122</b>
High Chaparral	\$1,052,621
Pentire	\$967,954
Zabeel	\$864,630
<b>Savabeel</b>	<b>\$796,340</b>
Thorn Park	\$695,798
Howbaddouwantit	\$637,233
Ishiguru	\$570,510
Darci Brahma	\$555,886
Bertolini	\$457,096

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

Table courtesy of New Zealand Thoroughbred Marketing and Arion Pedigrees Ltd.

## Runner of the Week: Said Com

This week's **Runner of the Week** goes to the Chris Waller-conditioned **O'Reilly** galloper **Said Com**, who turned in an ultra-impressive debut win over 1250m at Canterbury in Australia on Wednesday.

Serving as the lead story in the **ANZ Bloodstock News** the following day and as their Maiden of the Week story today, **Said Com's** win was described as follows:

*Sitting back off the early speed **Said Com** (3g O'Reilly – Centa Belt, by Centaine) came with a smooth challenge in the straight to strike the front and then go clear inside the final 100m, eventually scoring by two and a quarter lengths over **Toffler** (O'Reilly) to give the Waikato Stud stallion a 1-2 in the three-year-old Maiden (1250m).*

A full brother to **Said Com** will be offered at the **Ready To Run Sale of 2YO's** on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November (**Lot 62 – [Click here to see](#)**)

## 3 Stakes Winners in a Day for Pins



**Pins** registered **three** individual **Stakes Winners** in three different countries last Saturday.

Adding kudos to the earlier New Zealand-based win of **Pinsgold** at Canterbury, his talented son **Antonio Lombardo** produced a brilliant front running performance in the **Gr.2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)**, winning as he liked by 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths.

In Australia, **Xcellent's** half-brother **Instructor** provided the black-type entrée. The performance was superbly followed by WS-homebred **I'm Jake**, who led rivals a merry chase in the **Listed RM Ansett Classic (2413m)** at Mornington.

**Pins'** Saturday bonanza was notably completed in Hong Kong, where **Ambitious Dragon** - the reigning '**Hong Kong Horse of the Year**', brought up winner number five for the day with a staggering first-up win in the **HK-3 National Day Cup (1400m)**.

## Notes this Week

- *O'Reilly joins elite 50 Club (click here for more)*
- *US stallions produce likely duo (click here for more)*
- *O'Reilly galloper Said Com ultra-impressive (click here for more)*
- *Collar could be Derby bound after easy win (click here for more)*
- *Dragon blows rivals away (click here for more)*
- *Winning return for Lady Kipling (click here for more)*
- *Antonio Lombardo takes Guineas (click here for more)*
- *I'm Jake leaves them to it (click here for more)*

## Mark's Mail



A great achievement with **O'Reilly** scoring his **50th** stakes winner courtesy of Lloyd Williams' smart 3YO **Collar** last Sunday.

He's now one of only 11 NZ sires ever to do so and joins company with our former Champion sire **Centaine**, who had the **61** stakes winners.

With **O'Reilly's** achievement and with **Pins** also striking stakes success with **Antonio Lombardo**, **Ambitious Dragon** and **I'm Jake** last weekend, its little wonder that the two sires have only another half dozen spaces left in their books between them.

**Ok tip of the week: Do Ra Mi**, Saturday, MRC, Race 9, 6:40pm.

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