



*Star O'Reilly filly Silent Achiever winning the 2012 Gr.1 New Zealand Derby*

## Onwards and Upwards for O'Reilly Derby Heroine

Trainer Roger James has signalled it's onwards and upwards for star **O'Reilly** filly **Silent Achiever** following her bold win in the **Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m)** on Saturday.

According to the five time NZ Derby winning trainer, **Silent Achiever** has come through her dominant 2.5 length Ellerslie outing in top order, effectively ensuring that her dual Gr.1 mission to Australia is still very much on the cards.

*"She's very well. We trotted her up on the lead the day after the Derby and it was as if she was on springs,"* said James.

*"This morning she had a light trot and canter and she was light and free, so at this stage Sydney is very much still on."*

Of her Australian assignments, James is keen to target the **Gr.1 Storm Queen Stakes (3YOF, 2000m)** – a race that he won with **Sixty Seconds** in 2002, and the **Gr.1 AJC Australian Oaks (3YOF, 2400m)** which features two weeks later.

Sure to be strongly supported for her **Storm Queen Stakes** outing on April 7, **Silent Achiever** takes to the Rosehill starting gate an imposing classic record of five wins from seven starts, with consecutive black-type success being registered at the most recent of these in the **Gr.1 New Zealand Derby**, the **Gr.2 Royal Stakes (2000m)**, the **Gr.3 Waikato Guineas (2000m)** and the **Gr.2 Avondale Guineas (2100m)**.

Bred and raced by Valachi Downs principal Kevin Hickman, **Silent Achiever** is out of the winning **Zabeel** mare **Winning Spree** and is a half-sister to four winners, including the **Gr.2 Wellington Guineas** placegetter **Anotherchancetaken** (No Excuse Needed).

*"She's out of one of the best families in the studbook, tracing right back to La Troienne,"* explained Hickman.

# What The Connections Had to Say After the Derby...

## 5 Time NZ Derby Winning Trainer – Roger James

*"I think we've seen a very special filly today. She has to go right up there with the best I've trained"*

*"I've always said Zonda was the benchmark, but she's up there now"*

*"We may have discovered - dare I say it and I don't want to say it - but this could be the horse you wait all your career for"*

*"She's had four runs over ground, met the best in New Zealand, and won them all with her ears pricked. Yesterday might be a defining moment in her career and my career. She's just the supreme athlete."*

## Jockey – James McDonald

*"It's amazing. It's hard to describe. She's just the best filly with an amazing attitude"*

*"I slipped out of the gates quite badly ... and I had her three-wide with cover but she's just exceptional - amazing, a freak"*

*"The Telegraph was special, but a Derby on Ellerslie, my favourite track, this is an amazing feeling"*

## Breeder/Owner – Valachi Downs principal Kevin Hickman

*"It's unbelievable really. We've always sold our colts and raced our fillies so I never dreamed of winning the Derby, but this little filly has done the job"*

*"Zabeel mares are going to be gold and O'Reilly puts a bit of speed in there. He's a fantastic sire and a very under-rated sire. I thought it was a lovely match and it's proved to be a lucky one"*

# 4 Derby Winners for O'Reilly

<b>SILENT ACHIEVER</b> 3f (ex Winning Spree by Zabeel)	<b>2012 Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m)</b>
<b>SHAMROCKER</b> 3f (ex Bohemian Blues by Blues Traveller)	<b>2011 Gr.1 ATC Australian Derby (2400m)</b>
<b>BETWIXT</b> 3f (ex Not Sure by Masterclass)	<b>2009 Gr.3 Tasmanian Derby (2200m)</b>
<b>GUYNO</b> 3g (Ex River Century by Centaine)	<b>2007 Gr.1 WATC Derby (2400m)</b>

# 12 Gr.1 Winners for O'Reilly

Following directly in the footsteps of Champion 3YO filly, **Shamrocker**, **Silent Achiever's** Gr.1 victory represents O'Reilly's 12<sup>th</sup> individual Gr.1 victor.

O'Reilly's Gr.1 Roll of Honour comprises:

## **SILENT ACHIEVER** 08f

*(ex Winning Spree by Zabeel)*

2012 ARC New Zealand Derby (2400m)

## **SHAMROCKER** 07f

*(ex Bohemian Blues by Blues Traveller)*

Champion Australian 3YO Filly

2011 VRC Australian Guineas (1600m)

2011 ATC Australian Derby (2400m)

## **FELLOWSHIP** 02g

*(ex Mystical Flight by Danzalion)*

2010 HKJC Stewards' Cup (1600m)

## **ALAMOSAS** 04c

*(ex Lodore Mystic by Centaine)*

2007 ARC Diamond Stakes (1200m)

2008 WRC Thorndon Mile (1600m)

2008 Otaki Maori RC WFA Stakes (1600m)

2008 MRC Toorak Hcp (1600m)

## **MACO'REILLY** 03g

*(ex Double Baba by Centaine)*

2009 Waikato International Stakes (2000m)

2009 ARC New Zealand Stakes (2000m)

## **SWICK** 01g

*(ex Crème Anglaise by Crested Wave)*

2008 VRC Patinack Classic (1200m)

## **GUYNO** 03g

*(ex River Century by Centaine)*

2007 WATC Derby (2400m)

## **MASTER O'REILLY** 02g

*(ex Without Remorse by Bakharoff)*

2007 MRC Caulfield Cup (2400m)

## **LIM'S OBJECTIVE** 03g

*(ex Hasty Bird by Bluebird)*

2007 Singapore Raffles Cup (1800m)

## **ARENTE** 01g

*(ex Gio by Centaine)*

2006 Singapore Lion City Cup (1200m)

## **THE JEWEL** 99f

*(ex The Grin by Grosvenor)*

2002 NZ 1000 Guineas (1600m)

2005 Waikato International Stakes (2000m)

## **FINAL DESTINATION**

98f

*(Logical Lady by Sound Reason)*

2001 NZ 1000 Guineas (1600m)


2001 Levin RC Bayer Classic (1600m)





# Stat: O'Reilly / Zabeel Mare Cross

12 Runners – 9 winners - 75% Winners To Runners – 2 Stakes Winners – 16.6% Stakes Winners To Runners

 It follows too that O'Reilly has crossed well with daughters carrying Sir Tristram bloodlines. To this end, he has nicked particularly well with daughters of Grosvenor, with stakes winners of this ilk comprising: The Jewel (Gr.1), Kerry O'Reilly (Gr.2), O'Reilly Rose (Gr.3) and The One (Gr.2).

## WS Sires Dominate Sire Awards

WS sires **O'Reilly**, **Pins** and **Savabeel** are well and truly dominating New Zealand's Stallion Awards.

As at March 4, **Pins** counted a comfortable buffer over his two barnmates for **The Centaine Award**. **The Dewar** and **The Grosvenor Award** tell a different story, however, with supremacy here pointing instead to **Savabeel** and **O'Reilly** respectively.

The current top five standings for each NZ award go as follows:

### THE CENTAINE AWARD

	STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
1	<b>Pins</b>	<b>\$6,988,792</b>
2	<b>O'Reilly</b>	<b>\$4,666,154</b>
3	<b>Savabeel</b>	<b>\$4,629,096</b>
4	High Chaparral	\$3,895,468
5	Thorn Park	\$3,660,294

*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	<b>Savabeel</b>	<b>\$3,241,530</b>
2	Pins	\$2,963,337
3	Zabeel	\$2,607,732
4	Pentire	\$2,582,099
5	<b>O'Reilly</b>	<b>\$2,560,800</b>

*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	<b>O'Reilly</b>	<b>1,476,306</b>
2	Thorn Park	1,039,650
3	<b>Pins</b>	<b>930,347</b>
4	Fastnet Rock	801,550
5	Pentire	789,698

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

## O'Reilly – 2011/12 Stakes Winners

6 Stakes Winners so far this season

<b>SILENT ACHIEVER</b> 3f (ex Winning Spree by Zabeel)	<b>Gr.1</b> New Zealand Derby (2400m) <b>Gr.2</b> ARC Championship Stakes (2100m) <b>Gr.2</b> Avondale Guineas (2100m) <b>Gr.3</b> Waikato Guineas (2000m)
<b>PRESIDENT LINCOLN</b> 3g (ex Pinot Gris by Pentire)	<b>Gr.2</b> Wellington Guineas (1500m)
<b>PUSSY WILLOW</b> 2f (ex Octapussy by Octagonal)	<b>Gr.2</b> WRC Wakefield Challenge Stakes (1200m)
<b>DATING</b> 4m (Mandate by Sound Reason)	<b>Gr.3</b> Taranaki Breeders S. 1400m Gr.1 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Mufhasa in Captain Cook
<b>COLLAR</b> 3g (ex Laebeel, by Zabeel)	<b>Listed</b> WRC Doncaster S. 1400m Gr.2 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Manawanui in Mitchelton Wines Vase
<b>THE SOLITAIRE</b> 4m (ex The Dazzler by Centaine)	<b>Listed</b> Dunedin Gold Cup (2400m)

# O'Reilly – The Stats

**12** Gr.1 Winners  
**54** Stakes Winners  
**65.5%** winners-to-runners  
**6** Stakes Winners this season  
**7.0%** stakes winner-to-runners  
**10.4** Stakes Winners Averaged over last 5 seasons complete  
**\$116,392** Australasian Yearling Sale Average in 2012  
**\$8 million plus** progeny global earnings last season  
**\$50,000** Stud Fee

*Statistics kindly supplied by Arion Pedigrees.*

# O'Reilly – The Accolades

## **Race Record**

4 wins from 6 starts  
Won the Gr.1 Bayer Classic (1600m) & Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp (1200m) at 3.  
Champion NZ 3YO in 1996-97  
Champion NZ Sprinter-Miler in 1997  
New Zealand Horse of the Year

## **Stallion Record**

Champion NZ Sire (worldwide earnings) in 2008-09  
Champion NZ Sire in 2007-08  
HK Champion Sire 2007-08, 2008-09  
Champion NZ Sire (Aust. & NZ figures combined) in 2007-08  
Champion NZ Sire of 3YOs in 2002-03, 2006-07  
1 of only 11 NZ-based sires in history to exceed 50 Stakes Winners

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