



AEROVELOCITY TO RETURN TO JAPAN



Outstanding sprinter Aerovelocity is headed back to Japan to defend his Takamatsunomiya Kinen title

Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins) will return to Japan for a shot at a second straight Takamatsunomiya Kinen next month and trainer Paul O'Sullivan will skip the Group One Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup at Sha Tin with his record-setting sprinter, opting against a step-up to 1400m.

O'Sullivan confirmed that Aerovelocity came through his recent Group One Centenary Sprint Cup unscathed and owner Daniel Yeung Ngai had given the green light for the battle-hardened seven-year-old to return to Chukyo on March 27 for the ¥212 million (HK\$13.8 million) event.

"He will be going back, and why not?" O'Sullivan said. "He went as well as ever on Sunday and more importantly, pulled

up well after the race. He looks like he is back to his old self."

Aerovelocity, who became the first Hong Kong-trained horse to win a Group One in three different countries last season, suffered a heart irregularity in October's Group Two Premier Bowl first-up this term.

O'Sullivan's tough son of Pins bounced back with an authoritative win to reclaim his mantle as best sprinter in town and put overseas races back on the agenda.

Even though Aerovelocity has a Group Three second over 1400m on his record and there are four weeks between the Queen's Silver Jubilee on February 28 and the

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Takamatsunomiya Kinen, O'Sullivan and jockey Zac Purton had agreed the horse would be better served sticking to 1200m at Group One level.

"At 1200m, he is a horse that puts them away at the 300m and then just grinds," O'Sullivan said.

"We are not sure he really gets the 1400m against that calibre of horses. If we went to the Group One races here, we would be facing a pretty hot field as well – Gold-Fun is a distance specialist, and there could be a couple of talented horses like Luger and Beauty Flame coming back from the mile."

A trip to Japan will leave five weeks to return and prepare for the Group One Chairman's Sprint Prize at Sha Tin – a timeframe that O'Sullivan admitted was "not exactly ideal", but workable.

"You would love there to be an extra week or two in between," O'Sullivan said. "But Daniel is great, he has already shown that he will put the horse first by skipping the Hong Kong Sprint earlier in the season, and he has said that if we come back and the horse isn't right, that we can just put him away and wait for next season."

- SCMP

Ready To Run Graduate Has Group One Options

Mornington trainer Jason Warren is looking at Group One options for his impressive first-up Caulfield winner **Puritan** (Beneteau).

The New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run Sale graduate impressed many when he charged home to score a half-head win in Saturday's Gr. 3 Manfred Stakes (1200m).

That has left Warren with a decision to make as to whether Puritan is stepped up in distance for the

Australian Guineas or kept to sprinting for a tilt at the Newmarket Handicap.

"We're going to aim pretty high, we've just got to work which direction we go," Warren said.

"We'll let today soak in, enjoy that and have a think about it."

Puritan was a \$50,000 purchase for Warren from the 888 Bloodstock Ltd. draft at the 2014 Ready To Run Sale at Karaka.

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MARE READY FOR MILE STAKES TEST

Talented northern four-year-old **Somethingvain (NZ)** (Falkirk) is in the right order to progress to the next level at Tauherenikau on Monday.

The Pukekohe galloper has yet to win beyond 1400 metres, but her connections are confident the mile won't trouble her in the Listed WRC/ Pope & Gray Contractors Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes.

Somethingvain has fashioned the tidy record of five wins from 12 starts with her latest success a defeat of Antonio Lombardo (NZ) (Pins) and Gustavo (NZ) (Savabeel) over 1400 metres at Tauranga last month.

"We put her in that open handicap to set her up for Monday," said Michael Rogers, who prepares the mare with his brother Matt and their father Matthew.

"It's a race that suits her and it doesn't matter to her whether she goes left or right-handed.

"She's going great and she's come through her last run really well. She's earned her shot at some black type."

Somethingvain's only previous attempt over 1600m resulted in an unplaced effort at Riccarton last season in the Listed NZB Airfreight Stakes, although Rogers said it wasn't the trip that brought about her downfall.

"She was a weaker version then, but

it was the bad track that beat her. We think she'll get a mile quite easily and so does Cameron (Lammas), who rode her last time."

Lammas was deputising at Tauranga for Sam Spratt, who will take over the reins on Monday after riding Somethingvain in her previous four wins.

Safely through Tauherenikau, Rogers said the Gr.2 Westbury Classic during the cup carnival at Ellerslie on March 12 might be the next target for the daughter of Falkirk.

– NZ Racing Desk.



Pukekohe mare Somethingvain looks a leading prospect in the feature event at Tauherenikau today



WOODSFORD EYES TRENTHAM RETURN WITH MISS SETON SANDS



Exciting young sprinter Miss Seton Sands scores at Wingatui

Rangiora based trainer Steven Woodsford is eyeing up a return to Trentham next month with his outstanding sprinter **Miss Seton Sands** (Gonski).

The athletic four-year-old mare was having her first start since finishing a gallant second in the Gr. 1 Telegraph at Trentham last month when she downed a handy field of open grade sprinters at Wingatui on the weekend. The win has Woodsford convinced his charge can go one better should she head north for the Listed Lightning Handicap next month.

"She just hasn't stopped improving in this preparation and is thriving on the racing we have given her," he explained.

"I was a little worried on Saturday about whether the Telegraph run might have got to the bottom of her but she took it in her stride and came out and did the business.

"She had to be good to win on Saturday as it was a tidy field of locals that she met and she was giving weight to most of them.

"Racha (Cuneen) rode her perfectly as she has a devastating sprint when you can hold her up for one run and he did exactly the right thing with her. Even though they were getting to her close to the line I still felt she had them all covered."

Woodsford is excited about the future prospects for the daughter of Australian sire Gonski who he believes will be at her peak as a five-year-old.

"She was very consistent as a three-year-old but has stepped up in this campaign with some more time on her," he said.

"If she can make similar improvement next year then I believe she will be very competitive at the top level.

"She showed that with her run in the Telegraph and I would love to have another go to see if she can go one better.

"We're thinking of going back to Trentham for the Lightning Handicap next month then putting her away for a decent break which she has definitely earned now."

– NZ Racing Desk

<i>Race</i>	Otago RC The Hits 89.4FM H. 1200m.
<i>Winner</i>	Miss Seton Sands (Aus) 2011
<i>Owners</i>	Mrs S C & S R Bruce
<i>Trainer</i>	Steven Woodsford (Rangiora)
<i>Breeding</i>	by Gonski (AUS) out of Whodat Cugat (Aus) by King Cugat (USA)
<i>Breeder</i>	Lacey Lodge Stud, Mr. S. Bruce



FRONT-RUNNING MARE STRIKES AGAIN



A heady front running ride from Vinnie Colgan lands Parker's Piece an easy winner at Te Rapa

Parker's Piece (NZ) (Northern Meteor) only knows one way and it's an effective style as she again demonstrated at Te Rapa on Saturday.

She was successful on the course three runs back and produced a near identical performance to outspurt her rivals in the Fasttrackinsurance 1200.

Parker's Piece was quickly into stride to make the play out in front and when Vinnie Colgan asked her for a serious effort in the straight she put her rivals away in a matter of strides.

"She's got great speed and she is a lot better suited going left-handed," trainer Tony Pike said.

"When she runs along at an even tempo she is hard to run down. Vinnie got a very soft lead on her and stacked them up and she's got a good kick."

A daughter of the ill-fated Northern Meteor, Parker's Piece has won three of her eight starts and Pike believes she could be in line for higher honours in 12 months' time.

"She's still maturing and hopefully this time next year we will be looking at some nice sprint races for her," he said.

While Parker's Piece was among the favoured runners,

the J Swap Contractors Rating 75 produced a winner from the opposite end of the betting market with Luen Yat Miracle (Dylan Thomas) successful at odds of better than 30-1.

The Shane Crawford-trained gelding came with a withering run from well back in the field under Brendan Hutton, who was having his first ride back after a lengthy injury break.

"I've had a bad run, but all I can do now is to push onwards and upwards," he said.

– NZ Racing Desk.

<i>Race</i>	Waikato RC Fasttrackinsurance H. 1200m.
<i>Winner</i>	Parker's Piece (NZ) 2011
<i>Owners</i>	A K N Li, M H & Mrs E Oram
<i>Trainer</i>	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
<i>Breeding</i>	by Northern Meteor (AUS) out of Bahira by Volksraad (GB)
<i>Breeder</i>	Miss H & Miss K E Sanders; Canterbury; NZ
<i>Sales</i>	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Westbury Stud \$120000 P: T Moore



EARLY DOUBLE FOR LOCAL LEGEND

It was business as usual for legendary local trainer Brian Anderton on Saturday when he and son Shane saddled up a winning double at their Wingatui home base.

It is a rare occasion when the pair fail to produce a winner when racing at home and on paper they looked to have a strong hand throughout the day's proceedings. That was confirmed early in the piece when **Gallant Ruby (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) scored in effortless fashion in the second race on the day and was quickly followed by Quartet (NZ) (King's Chapel) in the next.

Both mares were capping off some consistent form of late with Anderton senior convinced there is plenty more to come for the duo.

"Gallant Ruby is a very promising galloper who won her first start and then finished third in a stakes race at her next run," he noted.

"Unfortunately she broke a bone in the back of her knee and had three months of box rest followed by another six weeks on the walker so we are lucky to have her back at all.

"She's as sound as a bell now so I think she can go on with it based on what she has produced to date."

Anderton is also keen on the future prospects of Quartet who has now won three of her last six starts.

"She is a mare who I think could be even better once she gets up over a little further," he said.

"She is a very gross mare and a good doer who is probably looking for a mile or further. The hardest part for her will be to find a suitable race as there doesn't appear too many options for those in and around the rating 85 grade."

Anderton was also thrilled by the performance of underrated miler Tommy Tucker (NZ) (Gallant Guru) who flew home to finish second to The Diamond One (Tale Of The Cat) in the main race on Saturday's card, the Gr. 3 White Robe Lodge Handicap.

"He went superbly after being held up at a vital stage," he said.



Gallant Ruby scores with ease to clinch the first leg of a winning double for the Anderton team at Wingatui on Saturday

"An ounce of luck would have seen him home although he would have been crucified by the handicapper if he had won it.

"These older male gallopers are being driven out with the current policies. He has won a single stakes race and he is probably one of the highest rated horses in the country.

"There has to be some changes made as there just isn't a future for horses like him the way things are now."

Anderton is eyeing a \$30,000 mile on his home track in early March for the rugged gelding while a tilt at the Listed Easter Cup at Riccarton in April also remains an option.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Otago RC Steve Anderton Memorial Trophy 1200m.
Winner	Gallant Ruby (NZ) 2010
Owners	B J Anderton ONZM, Mrs L E Anderton, Mrs C A & D Cochrane, Mrs C E & S J Rutter
Trainer	Brian & Shane Anderton (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Gallant Guru (AUS) out of Ruby's Gem by Personal Escort (USA)
Breeder	B J & Mrs L E Anderton; South; NZ

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STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$6,440,101
SAVABEEL	\$5,986,687
O'REILLY	\$4,718,011
PINS	\$4,136,031
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,882,107
IFFRAAJ	\$3,462,755
TAVISTOCK	\$3,083,748
ELUSIVE CITY	\$2,748,699
ZABEEL	\$2,433,841
HIGH CHAPARRAL	\$2,332,251

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

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STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$5,608,655
SAVABEEL	\$3,535,647
IFFRAAJ	\$2,389,884
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,385,910
ZABEEL	\$2,110,518
PINS	\$2,081,213
TAVISTOCK	\$2,011,036
O'REILLY	\$1,825,863
HIGH CHAPARRAL	\$1,214,764
THORN PARK	\$977,252

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia & New Zealand

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
SAVABEE	\$1,591,610	KAWI	\$463,250
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,492,565	JULINSKY PRINCE	\$249,500
IFFRAAJ	\$1,222,750	XIONG FENG	\$579,685
PINS	\$898,759	DECORAH	\$137,400
PENTIRE	\$717,251	XTRAVAGANT	\$292,500
THORN PARK	\$708,343	RYAN MARK	\$217,400
TAVISTOCK	\$675,490	HASSELHOOF	\$99,060
ALAMOSA	\$653,991	STOLEN DANCE	\$198,725
ZED	\$583,340	JIMMY MAC	\$231,500
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Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

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HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Benny Bee – YEUNG SING (H.K.) (NZ) 2008 by Brilliance (USA) out of Clonpet by Hadaad (USA)	Est late W G Bourke; Central; NZ	HKJC Queensway H. 1650m.	
VARA PEARL (NZ) 2010 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Dance on Fire by Volksraad (GB)	P Webb; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Ice House H. 1650m.	2011 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Dormello Stud, P: Whitby BStk Trust; \$6,000 2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Fairdale Stud, P: DG Rogerson; \$8,000 2012 Ready to Run Sale V: Dormello Stud, P: Nzb-ag; \$20,000
TOP BONUS (NZ) 2011 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Lisa Anne (AUS) by Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Bronte Bloodstock Pty Ltd; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Edinburgh H. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: John Foote B/stock; \$105,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 6

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
COOL PAL (NZ) 2009 by Pins (AUS) out of Bellataine by Centaine (AUS)	Amadi Park Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Yue Man H. 2000m.	2011 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Highview, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$110,000
UNICORN (NZ) 2011 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Kashira by Montjeu (IRE)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Shui Wo H. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$140,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Leung Wang Tun; \$220,000
Bam Bam – UNIVERSAL UNION (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Perfectly Ready (AUS) out of Bedrock by Pins (AUS)	Grande Vue Lodge Syndicate; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Hing Yip H. 1400m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 5

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
STAR CHOICE (NZ) 2011 by Starcraft out of Choices Are (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)	Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Trelawney Stud Ltd \$85000 P: Mulcaster BStk
KIWI KARMA (NZ) 2011 by Fast 'n' Famous (AUS) out of Miss Purrfection by One Cool Cat (USA)	T E Luke & Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m.	