



Scarlett Lady Ready for G1 Resume

Cups expectations are high for **Savabeel's G1 Queensland Oaks** winner **Scarlett Lady**, but connections are cautiously optimistic heading into the **Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes (1400m)** at Hastings this Saturday.

Scarlett Lady - one of the leading contenders in early betting for both the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, makes her season resume in Saturday's **G1** feature – a race which is also the carnival springboard for Rosehill Guineas winner and Cox Plate contender **Jimmy Choux**.

"It is 1400 metres and if Scarlett Lady can win at that distance I would be real happy because she's a stayer. We're looking towards the two Cups," trainer Graeme Rogerson told *Racing & Sports*.

The winner of six of her 10 starts, **Scarlett Lady** will be ridden by champion apprentice James McDonald, who will look to extend his unbeaten record on the mare from barrier 12 with 56.5kg.

Scarlett Lady won the **Listed Breeders Stakes (2000m)** and the **Gr.2 Travis Stakes (2000m)** in New Zealand in April before heading to Australia, where she scored convincing wins in the **Gr.3 Doomben Roses (2020m)** and the **Gr.1 Queensland Oaks (2400m)**.

Scarlett Lady's first spring start in Australia is scheduled to be the **Gr.1 Underwood Stakes (1800m)** at Caulfield on September 17.

Fact

O'Reilly – \$137,813 Yearling Average at the 2011 Australasian Majors

O'Brien Weighing Up G1 Options for Shamrock

Melbourne trainer **Danny O'Brien** is weighing up between the **Caulfield Cup** on October 15 and the **W.S. Cox Plate** on October 22 for his star **O'Reilly** mare **Shamrock**, in her build up to the **Melbourne Cup** at Flemington on November 1.

His intention is to give the four-year-old only four starts before the Cup, and is eager to see how she performs under weight-for-age conditions in the **G2 Memsie Stakes (1400m)** at Caulfield this Saturday.

O'Brien plans to follow the **Memsie** with starts in the **Underwood Stakes (1800m)** at Caulfield on September 17 and the **Caulfield Stakes (2000m)** on October 8.

Following her historic Group One autumn double in the **Australian Guineas** and the **AJC Derby**, **Shamrock** is in line to be among the winners at **Australia's Horse of the Year** awards next month.

WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
SCARLETT LADY (Savabeel x On Call by Ironclad)	G1 Makfi Challenge Stakes (1400m)	Hastings	9 Sat	4:16pm
I'M JAKE (Pins x Venetian Court by Pompeii Court)	L National Jockeys Celebration Day Stakes (1700m)	MRC	5 Sat	4:58pm
RUSE DE GUERRE (No Excuse Needed x Cramoisy by Arazi)	L National Jockeys Celebration Day Stakes (1700m)	MRC	5 Sat	4:58pm
SHAMROCKER (O'Reilly x Bohemian Blues by Blues Traveller)	G2 Memsie Stakes (1400m)	MRC	6 Sat	5:33pm
VIGOR (O'Reilly x Rationable by Housebuster)	L Slickpix Stakes (1100m)	MRC	7 Sat	6:08pm
OUR NAUTIQUE (Pins x Frenchtide by Dopphin Fabuleux)	G2 Del Mar Mile	Del Mar	1 Sun	3:30pm

Waikato TBA Stallion Parade this Saturday.

The **Waikato Thoroughbred Breeders' Association** hosts its annual **Waikato Stallion Parade** this weekend.

It begins at **Ancroft Stud** in Matamata at **1:20pm** on Saturday and then heads to **Waikato Stud** as the 2nd destination of what is a two day parade.

Waikato Stud is scheduled to commence parading its seven strong roster of **Paco Boy, O'Reilly, Pins, Savabeel, No Excuse Needed, Fast'N'Famous** and **Rios** at **1:50pm**.

What	Waikato Stud Part of Waikato TBA Stallion Parade
When	1:50pm This Saturday (27 August)
Where	Waikato Stud Stallion Area 521 Tower Road Matamata
Who	All Welcome
Waikato TBA Parade Details	(Click Here)

G1 Spring Champion Stakes for Sangster

It's all stations go towards the **G1 Spring Champion Stakes (2000m)** on October 1st for the **Savabeel 3YO Sangster**, following a gritty win at Warwick Farm on Tuesday.

Prepared and ridden by Kiwi combo Trent Busuttin and James McDonald, **Sangster** delivered what was a first-up win in Australia in the 1200m contest, fighting home on the heavy track to score by 0.1 of a length.

"Wait until he gets over 2000 metres which is what we brought him here for, he'll be pretty hard to beat then. He's bred to stay," commented McDonald.

A 6.3 length debut winner in May, **Sangster** has now won two of his three starts and has won each of his two trial outings.

The smart **Savabeel** is likely to step out next in the **Listed Ming Dynasty Quality (1400m)** at Randwick on September 3.

No Excuse Needed Colt Chasing Black-Type

No Excuse Needed will have a genuine early season black-type contender in **Taurus**, who broke maiden status in fine fashion at New Plymouth last Saturday.

The colt delivered on his two-year-old potential with a commanding front-running performance to win on his return from a six month break.

"He's got a lot of ability and we're looking at the Wanganui Guineas for him," Wanganui co-trainer Evan Rayner said.

Mark's Mail



Can't wait to see **Scarlett Lady** and **Shamrock** go round this weekend.

Scarlett Lady meets **Jimmy Choux** in the Makfi. He's a super horse who should surely be crowned '**New Zealand's Horse of the Year**' at Friday's Racing Awards.

On a different note, a big congrats to WS supporters Pat and Clyde Buckingham. They bred **Sangster**, who looks to be one to keep a close eye on in the days ahead.

Ok tip of the week. Didn't go so good last week (8th), so better lift my game. My tip is **Savoy** (Savabeel ex Spring) on Sunday. A good each way chance in Sandown's Race 8 at 6:35pm (NZ time).

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